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Inigo Jones

From the grisaille at Kelston Park, in the collection of Captain Lionel Inigo-Jones.

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P R E F A C E

THE labour of preparing this difficult volume—for the Masques, unlike the Plays, have never been critically edited—has been lightened by many generous helpers. First, for the illustrations. Captain Lionel Inigo-Jones has allowed us to reproduce the portrait *en grisaille* of his famous kinsman which is one of the treasures of Kelston Park. His Grace the Duke of Portland has allowed us to reproduce the portrait of a lady masquer in *Hymenaei* which is one of the older pictures at Welbeck Abbey ; it is particularly valuable as being the only design for a masquing-dress by Inigo Jones known to exist outside the famous collection of the drawings at Chatsworth. We are indebted to the librarian at Welbeck, Mr. F. W. Needham, for obtaining this permission. The late Duke of Bedford kindly allowed us to examine the parallel portrait of Lucy, Countess of Bedford, at Woburn Abbey ; this privilege was obtained for us by Miss Gladys Scott Thomson. The reproductions of Stephen Harrison's *Arches of Triumph* are taken from the beautiful Grenville copy in the British Museum. For valuable guidance in discussing these pictures we are indebted to our old colleague in the study of Inigo Jones, Mr. C. F. Bell, a great art critic and a generous friend. We also gratefully acknowledge the help we have received on these questions at the

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MS. 2203. 1 ; the permission was given and a photostat supplied to us by the Reference Librarian, Mr. Giles E. Dawson. Mr. Carl H. Pforzheimer has permitted us to use the text of his unique first Quarto of *Time Vindicated*, and kindly lent a photostat. It will be obvious how much our edition has gained in accuracy and usefulness from the light these manuscripts throw on the printed texts.

Most of our work has been done in the British Museum and the Bodleian Libraries, which are an unfailing source of help. We have also to thank Mr. A. F. Scholfield, librarian of Cambridge University Library ; Mr. H. M. Adams, librarian of Trinity College, Cambridge ; Dr. Z. N. Brooke, librarian of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge ; Dr. H. Guppy, librarian of the Rylands Library, Manchester ; Mr. J. L. Douthwaite, librarian of the Guildhall Library of the City of London—all of whom have given access to old texts. Professor W. A. Jackson, of Harvard, has given us valuable bibliographical information and criticism. At Chatsworth we have a long-standing debt to acknowledge. The present librarian and keeper, Mr. Francis Thompson, has been most helpful over the manuscript of *Pleasure Reconciled to Virtue* ; he deposited it in the Bodleian Library, and he checked finally some minute points of reading for us. To his two predecessors we also owe acknowledgments. Forty years ago we first studied at Chatsworth, with the help of Mr. S. Arthur Strong, the theatrical drawings of Inigo Jones ; when Mrs. Strong succeeded him,

we paid many visits to Chatsworth to study also the Kemble Quartos. The eighth and ninth Dukes of Devonshire gave permission for these visits. Shortly before his death Mr. T. J. Wise helped us for the last time with a generous loan of his Quartos, which he deposited for us in the Bodleian.

Finally, we have a number of personal obligations to acknowledge. The most important is to Dr. W. W. Greg, who, when we were at work on the Coronation Entertainment of King James, sent us collations of the text and valuable information about the Stationers' Register. He also criticized the introduction to *The Gypsies Metamorphosed*, and we have corresponded with him on a number of textual points. Dr. C. T. Onions has given valuable help on a number of difficult words. Professor James Fraser elucidated for us the ill-printed Welsh in the Folio text of *For the Honour of Wales*.

We have from time to time paid a tribute to the staff of the Clarendon Press for their care and skill in printing the text. The printers, as well as the editors, have found this volume, with its complicated marginal notes, more difficult than any volume which has preceded it. It is pleasant to record that the complete *Masques* of Jonson, for the first time in their history, now appear in a scholarly text.

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Oriel College, Oxford.

May, 1941.

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THE PORTRAIT OF INIGO JONES *Frontispiece*

From the *grisaille* at Kelston Park in the collection of Captain Lionel Inigo-Jones.

To introduce an edition of Jonson's masques with a portrait of the collaborator whom he derided as 'tireman', 'carpenter', and 'maker of the properties' is a stroke of irony which would have roused him to fury, but it is a fitting tribute to the genius who provided an artistic setting for twelve of the masques, *The Masque of Blackness*, *Hymenaei*, *The Masque of Queens*, *Oberon*, *Love Freed from Ignorance and Folly*, *Pleasure Reconciled to Virtue*, *The Masque of Augurs*, *Time Vindicated*, *Neptune's Triumph*, *The Fortunate Isles*, *Love's Triumph through Callipolis*, and *Chloridia*. The portrait, a monochrome in oils, is a character-study; it reveals a personality as virile and as combative as Jonson's. It has a special significance as an heirloom of Inigo's descendants, and it has the further advantage of being fresh and unspoiled. The family have preserved it carefully. It is also the only one of the portraits traditionally accepted as contemporary originals which has not hitherto been reproduced by photography.

The earliest engraving of it is a plate by W. Holl in Peter Cunningham's *Life of Inigo Jones* issued by the old Shakespeare Society in 1848. It was there described as 'Engraved from an original picture by Vandyke *en grisaille*, in the possession of Major Inigo Jones 11th Hussars, which had belonged to his Great Grandfather Inigo Jones who died A.D. 1756'.

The claim of Major, afterwards Lieutenant-Colonel, Inigo Jones that the portrait is an original drawing of Van Dyck can no longer be accepted. Sir Lionel Cust has described Van Dyck's method. 'Van Dyck himself made in his own inimitable way a sketch in black chalk of the portrait selected to be engraved. . . . These chalk drawings, of which many exist, mostly in reverse to the print, are executed with Van Dyck's most masterly vigour of expression. They appear to have then been handed over to one of the competent artists, trained for this purpose in the school of Rubens,

who made from them in oils a finished portrait in *grisaille* or monochrome, as a guide to the engraver, to whom the drawings were next intrusted for the actual process of engraving. Many of these small *grisaille* portraits exist, most carefully finished and capital renderings of Van Dyck's style, but it is not possible on any grounds to ascribe any of them, as has been done, to the hand of the painter himself.¹

The natural inference from this authoritative statement would be that the family portrait was made for an engraving. But no engraving made in reverse from this painting is known to exist. The unsigned article in *The Dictionary of National Biography* says vaguely that this portrait 'seems to be identical with the chalk drawing at Chatsworth, and with the print in the *Icones*' of Van Dyck.² But it is not identical: it faces the opposite way to the drawing. The Chatsworth drawing is the study for the great engraving by Robert van Voerst, which faces left, in the *Icones* of 1645, the famous collection of portraits of contemporaries drawn by Van Dyck and published at his expense. Van Voerst took immense pains over the plate; many proofs of it are found in various stages of progress.

It is probable that the family portrait was a copy of this engraving. It is painted upon paper, Mr. C. F. Bell notes, whereas most, if not all, of the *grisaille* series painted for the *Icones* are on wood. Everything suggests that it is derivative, and not, for instance, a preparatory study for the Van Voerst portrait. The question is, was the copy made in Van Dyck's workshop?

It cannot be dated with certainty. It can only be traced back to some date before 1756 when the first recorded owner of it, the then head of the Inigo Jones family, died. If it belonged to Inigo himself, it passed with all his papers and drawings to his pupil and assistant, John Webb, whose wife Anne is described in Inigo's

¹ *Anthony van Dyck, An Historical Study*, 1900, p. 166. It should be noted that M. Maurice Delacre, in his *Récherches sur le Rôle du Dessin dans l'Iconographie du Van Dyck*, 1932, summarily expresses a view directly contradicting that of Sir Lionel Cust. In his opinion the part traditionally assigned to the *grisailles* in the preparation of the engravings, and universally accepted by later authorities, is a mere assumption based on legend.

² Cunningham's statement (*Life*, p. 39) that the *grisaille* was engraved by Hollar in 1655 for John Webb's compilation *Stone-henge . . . Restored by Inigo Jones* is equally erroneous. This engraving also faces left; it is set in an oval border, and it has no curtain. It was copied from the Van Dyck portrait now in Leningrad.

will as 'my kinswoman'. Inigo left her two thousand pounds 'to bee layd out for a joynture for her by my Executor'—namely, John Webb—'within one yeare after the proving of this my Will'.¹ The will was proved on 24 August 1652. In the following year John Webb bought the manor of Butleigh near Glastonbury from Thomas Simcox. Evidently this was the jointure. He died there on 24 October 1672, and was succeeded by his son James, who died on 20 April 1690. James Webb's widow, who was a Medlicot, sold to her brother the Van Dyck portrait of Inigo now in Lenin-grad.² Did she at the same time sell the *grisaille* to the member of the Inigo Jones family mentioned in 1848 as having acquired it? Vertue records that 'many of those draughts of Inigo's that Dr. Clark of Oxford hath were bought of this Widow'. This is the famous Clark collection of Inigo's architectural drawings now in the library of Worcester College, Oxford. All this suggests, though it does not prove, that Mrs. James Webb made a pretty complete clearance of these family heirlooms. If she owned the *grisaille*, it is fortunate that she parted with it to a kinsman. The Inigo Jones family are descended from a younger branch of the Webbs.

THE ARCH AT FENCHURCH . . . *Between pages 82, 83*

This and the following plate are taken from *The Arch's of Triumph Erected in honor of the High and mighty prince, Iames, the first of that name, King of England, and the sixt of Scotland, at his Maiesties Entrance and passage through his Honorable Citty & chamber of London. vpon the 15th day of march 1603. Invented and published by Stephen Harrison Ioyner and Architect: and graven by William Kip*. The colophon on signature K is 'Imprinted at London by Iohn Windet, Printer to the Honourable Citie of London, and are to be sold at the Authors house in Lime-street, at the signe of the Snayle. 1604.' There are seven plates, and they rank among the finest specimens of engraving which had hitherto appeared in England. They are the one important work of the engraver William Kip, otherwise known only as a map-engraver. Harrison freely indulged in the riot of ornament which characterized the English architecture of the period, and Jonson's detailed descriptions of the emblematic figures, annotated with

¹ Cunningham, *ibid.*, p. 50.

² So Vertue records in British Museum Additional MS. 23,069, f. 38 (Walpole Society Vertue Notebooks, vol. i, 1929-30, p. 135).

references to the classics, suggest that he did more than interpret. The note on Janus Quadifrons and the conception of the Temple of Peace have the mark of the classical scholar rather than of the city architect. Harrison contributed a description of the plates. The first arch was at Fenchurch Street 'the backe of it so leaning on the East ende of the Church, that it ouer-spread the whole streete. . . . It was a *Flat-square*, builded vpright', over forty feet high and fifty feet wide. In the model of London old St. Paul's stands out conspicuously. The inscription 'Camera Regia' below 'Londinium' is not in the engraving. The gate to the right, through which the King passed, was eighteen feet high and twelve feet wide. 'This Gate of *Passage* . . . was deriued from the *Tuscana* (being the principal pillar of those 5. vpon which the *Noble Frame of Architecture* doth stand).'

The Tuscan style was changed to Doric above the archways; this 'bore vp the *Archit(r)ue*, *Frize*, and *Coronixe*, and was garnished with *Corbals* or *Croxtels* fitting such worke, besides the beauty of *Pyramids*, *Beasts*, *Water*, *Tables*, and many other in-richments. . . .' The central figure here is *Monarchia Britannica*, who has Divine Wisdom at her feet: on her right in descending order are *Veneration*, *Promptitude*, *Vigilance*; on her left *Gladness*, *Loving Affection*, *Unanimity*. On either side are 'the *Waites* and *Hault-boyes* of the City'.

'The cheekes or sides of the Gate' were doubly guarded—he absurdly says—'with the Portraitures of *Atlas* King of *Mauretania*': it is curious that he forgot the plump caryatid on the right of the arch. Between the archways, above, is the *Genius* of the City, 'supported on the right hand by a person figuring *The Councill of the City*'—Jonson's 'Bouleutes'—'and on the left by a person figuring the *Warlike force of the City*'—Jonson's 'Polemius'. The *Thames* is beneath the *Genius* and has a river landscape below him.

A much-reduced copy of the engraving was reproduced in Sir Sidney Lee's illustrated *Life of William Shakespeare*, ed. 1899, page 190, and a plate the size of the original in Sir Sidney Colvin's *Early Engraving and Engravers in England (1545-1695)*, page 67.

THE ARCH AT TEMPLE BAR . . . *Between pages 94, 95*

Harrison gives the following description on signature I:—
'The seuenth and last *Pegme* (within the Citie) was erected at

Temple-Barre, beeing adioyned close to the Gate : The *Building* was in all points like a *Temple*, and dedicated to *Ianus Quadifrons*.

' Beneath that *Foure-faced head* of *Ianus* was aduanc'd the *Armes* of the *Kingdome*, with the *Supporters* cut out to the life : from whence being remoude they now are placed in the *Guild Hall*.

' The wals and gates of this *Temple* were brasse ; the *Pillars* siluer, their *Capitals* and *Bases* gold : All the *Frontispice* (downward from those *Armes*) was beutified and supported by twelue rich *Columnnes*, of which the foure lowermost, being great *Corinthian* pillars, stood vpon two large *Pedestals*, with a fair *Vaux* ouer them instead of *Architrue*, *Frieze* and *Cornice* : Aboue them, eight *Columnnes* more, were likewise set, two and two vpon a large *Pedestall* ; for as our worke began (for his *Maiesties* entrance) with *Rusticke*, so did wee thinke it fit, that this our *Temple*, should end with the most famous *Columnne*, whose beauty and goodlinesse is deriued both from the *Tuscane*, *Doricke*, *Ionicke*, and *Corinthian*, and receiued his full perfection from *Titus Vespasian*, who aduanced it to the highest place of dignitie in his *Arch Triumphall*, and (by reason that the beauties of it were a mixture taken from the rest) he gaue it the name of *Composita* or *Italica* : within the *Temple* stood an *Altar*, with burning *Incense* vpon it, before which a *Flamin* appeares, and to the *Flamin* comes the *Genius* of the *City*. The principall person in this *Temple*, was *Peace*. At her feet lay *Warre* groueling. At her right hand stood *Wealth*. On the same hand likewise, but somewhat remote, and in a *Cant* by herselfe, *Quiet* was seated, the first hand-maide of *Peace*, whose feete stood vpon *Tumult*. On the left hand (at the former distance) *Liberty* the second hand-maide of *Peace* had her place, at whose feet *Seruitude* lay subiected. Beneath these (on distinct degrees) sate two other hand-maides of *Peace*, *Safety* and *Felicity*, *Safety* trampling vpon *Danger* and *Felicity* vpon *Vnhappinesse*.'

A LADY MASQUER IN 'HYMENAEI' *Between pages 208, 209*

From the portrait at Welbeck Abbey, no. 324 in the *Catalogue of the Pictures belonging to the Duke of Portland*, 1936, by R. W. Goulding and C. K. Adams.

The figure is whole length, standing slightly to her right; she holds her veil with both hands, the left hand doubled on her hip

with the thumb bent upward. A large white-striped gauze veil is stretched out with wires behind her, tied here and there with small bows of red. The hair auburn in small curls. A crown-shaped head-dress of pearls and rubies ; in the centre three spikes of metal overarched by circlets of pearl and a large pearl above them. On the left side of her head a white egret plume, not feathered, but almost like an elongated shaving-brush. A pearl necklace with pendant of eight diamonds and a pearl below. A ruby and pearl ear-ring in her left ear. She wears a tightly fitting white jacket cut low at the neck with an open collar of point lace; the jacket is open at the front and embroidered with conventionalized flowers, and has a fringe of gold on the lower edges. The sleeves white, fitted close to the arms and barred with alternating rings of red, the white portion embroidered, the red gold-edged and covered with lace-work puffs. On her right wrist a triangular string of pearls attached to a point-lace cuff. Her bodice strawberry-colour, showing in the triangular cut of the jacket ; at the apex four rubies and a large pearl below. Her girdle studded with pearls and rubies ; in the centre diamonds and pearls surmounted by three dark spikes. A short red upper skirt matching the bodice, with horizontal bands of gold, grey squares and white dots between the bands, and vertical lines of silver spangles ; a gold-lace fringe below. A blue-green underdress richly braided in gold at the bottom and embellished with gold spangles and cross-embroidery. Red stockings with gold clocks. Blue shoes covered with lace of a circular pattern ; red rosettes with a diamond in the centre.

A background of dark cloud with light breaking diagonally from the top corner on the right and a ray of light on the left.

Two points here call for comment. (1) The dark look of the diamonds : possibly the artist represented them by a small spangle of silver leaf originally shaded and heightened with paint, but the silver has blackened with time. Silver leaf with yellow lacquer over it was in the seventeenth century a cheap way of painting gold, but no example is known of its being used for painting diamonds. So the discoloration may mean no more than the use of some fugitive pigment. Whatever the cause, the fact remains that the diamonds in this portrait are nearly black. (2) The blue-green under-dress : Jonson describes it as ' watchet ' or sky-blue. Paint mixed with oil grows yellow,

more or less, with time, and so does varnish. Under these conditions blues have a tendency to become greenish. Probably this has happened in the portrait we are describing.

The designer was Inigo Jones, and Jonson describes the costume thus: 'The Ladies *attyre* was wholly new, for the inuention, and full of glorie; as hauing in it the most true impression of a *celestiall* figure: the vpper part of *white* cloth of siluer, wrought with *IVNOES birds* and *fruits*; a loose vnder-garment, full gather'd, of *carnation*, strip't with *siluer*, and parted with a golden *Zone*: beneath that, another flowing garment, of *watchet* cloth of siluer, laced with gold. . . . The *attyre* of their heads did answer, if not exceed; their haire being carelesly (but yet with more art, then if more affected) bound vnder the circle of a rare and rich *Coronet*, adorn'd with all varietie, and choise of iewels; from the top of which, flow'd a transparent *veile*, downe to the ground; whose verge, returning vp, was fastened to either side in most sprightly manner. The shooes were *Azure*, and gold, set with Rubies and Diamonds; so were all their garments; and euerie part abounding in ornament.' It is on record that the Earl of Rutland paid for his wife's jewels in this masque over £100.¹

There is at Berkeley Castle a replica of the Welbeck portrait which we have not been allowed to see; we learn from private sources that the two pictures correspond exactly. There is also at Woburn Abbey a portrait of Lucy, Countess of Bedford, Jonson's patron, in a dress mainly that of the *Hymenaei* design but with marked varieties in the pattern. Lady Bedford was a collector of great taste, and she made two changes in the costume. She dispensed with the overarching circlets of pearl at the top of the coronet—an artistic gain when she was painted in daylight, however effective the play of light on the head-dress may have been in a Court performance at night; and for the red upper skirt and the watchet underdress she substituted a reddish-brown frock with horizontal bands of gold and a pattern of alternate grey squares and white dots between the bands; the bottom of the frock was fringed with yellow lace: there is no upper skirt. She could not have worn this at the masque; it would have broken the sequence of the dresses and made her outshine the Queen. But she has the veil, the head-dress (with the exception noted), the white jacket, and the azure shoes.

¹ *Historical MSS. Commission Report: Rutland Accounts*, iv, p. 457.

The Welbeck and the Woburn portraits have led to some confusion. Originally the Welbeck portrait was described as Lady Bedford owing to the superficial resemblance of the costume.¹ But the faces of the two ladies are so unlike that this attribution is impossible.

The identity of the lady in the Welbeck and Berkeley portraits is difficult to determine. In a passage of the Quarto text omitted in the Folio Jonson arranged the lady masquers thus :

‘The names of the eight Ladies, as they were after orderd (to the most conspicuous shew) in their Daunces, by the rule of their statures ; were the

Co. of MONGOMERY.

La. KNOLLES.

Mi. Ci. SACKVILLE.

La. BERKLEY.

La. Dor. HASTINGS.

La. BLANCH SOMERSET.

Co. of BEDFORD.

Co. of RUTLAND.’

John Pory, the newsmonger, sending an account of the masque to Sir Robert Cotton,² says : ‘About the globe of erth houered a middle region of cloudes in the center wherof stood a grand consort of musicians, and vpon the cantons or hornes sate the ladies 4 at one corner, and 4 at another, who descended vpon the stage.’ Now the Welbeck lady is painted standing slightly to her right with her egret plume on the left side of her head ; Lady Bedford standing slightly to her left with the plume on the right side of her head. Evidently they were placed on either side of the Queen in the order that Jonson gives. The lady on the Queen’s left is one of two ladies in Jonson’s list. Either she is Elizabeth, daughter of Lord Hunsdon and wife of Sir Thomas Berkeley, son and heir of the seventh Lord Berkeley, who died in the lifetime of his father in 1611 ; or she is Elizabeth, Countess of Rutland, wife of Roger, the fifth earl. The Welbeck portrait was in the Wriothesley collection at Titchfield ; with the marriage of Lady Elizabeth Noel, great granddaughter of the fourth Earl of Southampton, to the first Duke of Portland in 1704, the Wriothesley collection passed to the Bentinck family. Roger, fifth Earl of Rutland, was an intimate friend of the third Earl of Southampton, who is thus a likely person to have had the portrait. The probability therefore is that it is a portrait of

¹ The Berkeley replica is also labelled ‘Lucy Harington, Countess of Bedford’.

² B.M. Cotton MS. Julius, C iii. 301.

Lady Rutland, though in the absence of any authentic portrait of her this conjecture cannot be tested.

The Welbeck and Woburn portraits have been reproduced. They appear side by side in Sir Lionel Cust's article on Marcus Gheeraerts the younger in the third volume of the Walpole Society's publications, plates IX (a) and (b), both called Lady Bedford; Sir Lionel believed that Gheeraerts painted them. Mr. C. H. Collins Baker in his *Lely*, 1912 (vol. i, facing p. 28) reproduced the Welbeck portrait as that of Lady Bedford by Paul van Somer; he gave no reasons for this attribution. The Woburn portrait of Lady Bedford was reproduced in colour in the Goupil *James I and VI* by T. F. Henderson, opposite page 232; its fidelity to the original may be judged by the fact that the reddish-brown frock is yellow. Mr. B. H. Newdigate gave a good reproduction of the Woburn portrait as the frontispiece to his edition of *The Phoenix and Turtle*, 1937.

An important fact about these three portraits is that they can now be definitely dated; they were painted in 1606.

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THE TEXT : INTRODUCTORY NOTE

MOST of this volume is filled by the Masques and Entertainments ; they were first printed as a whole in the two Folios of 1616 and 1640. The former included the early Entertainments of James the First's reign from 1603 to 1607 and the Court Masques from 1605 to 1616, beginning with *The Masque of Blackness* and ending with *The Golden Age Restored*. The Folio of 1640 continued the series with *Christmas his Masque* (1616) and went on to Jonson's last masque at Court, *Chloridia* in 1631 ; this volume also published the later Entertainments from 1620 to 1634, with the exception of *An Entertainment at the Blackfriars*, which remained in manuscript. A number of the masques were first printed in quarto : these authoritative editions are discussed in the introductory notes to the separate texts. The pieces published for the first time in the 1616 Folio were *The Entertainment at Highgate*, the two royal entertainments at Theobalds, *The Speeches at Prince Henry's Barriers*, *Oberon the Fairy Prince*, *Love Freed from Ignorance and Folly*, *Love Restored*, *The Irish Masque at Court*, *Mercury Vindicated from the Alchemists at Court*, and *The Golden Age Restored*. These were entered by William Stansby on the Stationers' Register in 1614 :

20^o Januarij 1614

William Stansbye Entred for his Coppie vnder the handes of
master Tavernour and both the wardens Certayne Masques
at the Court never yet printed written by Ben Johnson vjd
Arber, *Transcript*, iii. 562.

The Folio of 1640 published for the first time *Christmas his Masque*, *The Vision of Delight*, *Pleasure Reconci'd to Virtue*, *For the Honour of Wales*, *News from the New World Discovered in the Moon*, *Pan's Anniversary*, *The Masque of Owls*, *The King's Entertainment at Welbeck*, and *Love's Welcome at Bolsover*. Richard Bishop had acquired from

Stansby's widow Stansby's 'part' in Jonson's *Works* on 4 March 1639. The true owner of the copyright in the new masques of the second volume was Thomas Walkley, though he claimed them only by a belated entry in the Stationers' Register on 17 September 1658.¹ But John Benson had anticipated him by registering *The Gypsies Metamorphosed* on 20 February 1640, and *The Masque of Augurs, Time Vindicated, Neptune's Triumph, and Pan's Anniversary* on March 20: of these, however, he succeeded in publishing only *The Gypsies Metamorphosed*.

We have printed three of the masques from manuscript copies—*The Masque of Queens, Pleasure Reconciled to Virtue*, and *The Gypsies Metamorphosed*. The first is taken from the holograph, the second from a unique acting-copy, the third from a manuscript earlier and more correct than the printed texts. Otherwise we generally follow the two Folios. But both these are unsatisfactory. Jonson did not read the proofs of the masques in the 1616 Folio as he had read the proofs of the plays; the printing of the Greek and Latin notes is very bad, as for example in the Coronation Entertainment and in *The Masque of Queens*; and mistakes were usually left uncorrected, as for example in *Love Restored*. The only trace of Jonson's supervision of the printing is on the last two pages of the volume (1014–15), where he transposed the final speeches in *The Golden Age Restored*: Astraea, come to earth again, decides to stay at the Court of King James and is given the last word.

The printing of the masques in the 1640 Folio varies in quality: it is good in *Lovers made Men*, for example, and thoroughly bad in *The Gypsies Metamorphosed*, and it often needs correction. Sometimes it corrects the false Latin and Greek of its predecessor, but in *The Masque of Augurs*, for instance, where the Latin notes first appear, they are full of errors. Altogether, in the texts of both the Folios, we

¹ See vol. vi, pp. 145–6.

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had to make more changes than in the previous volumes, though many of the corrections are obvious.

Four of the late masques have been printed from the Quarto texts—*Neptune's Triumph for the Return of Albion*, *The Fortunate Isles*, *Love's Triumph through Callipolis*, and *Chloridia*: the text which Jonson himself issued is preferable to the reprints of the 1640 Folio.

The following symbols and abbreviations are used in the critical apparatus.

Q = Quarto.

F₁ = the Folio of 1616.

F₂ = the Folio of 1640.

F = the Folio of 1640 where it prints a play or masque for the first time (e.g. *The Sad Shepherd* or *Christmas his Masque*).

Ff = reading common to the Folios of 1616 and 1640.

F₃ = the Folio of 1692.

W = Whalley's edition of 1756.

Wn = Waldron's edition of *The Sad Shepherd*, 1783.

G = Gifford's edition of 1816.

om. = an earlier reading omitted from a later text.

not in Q = a new reading first found in the Folios.

Re = readings in the reset pages of *The Masque of Queens*, *Prince Henry's Barriers*, *Oberon*, and *Love Restored*.

corr. Q or *corr. F* = a formula used to indicate an author's or printer's correction, the earlier reading being indicated by *Q originally* or *F originally*.

Editor indicates changes in the text for which the Editor is responsible.

Conical brackets enclose words inserted in the text to supply an omission of the original; square brackets enclose a letter or word wrongly inserted in the original, e.g. 'Brit[t]aine'.

Gifford's scene-location and stage-directions are quoted in the critical apparatus, except where they are anticipated in the early texts.

THE SAD SHEPHERD

THE TEXT

The Sad Shepherd is the last of three plays printed for the first time in the 1640 Folio ; it follows *The Magnetic Lady* and *A Tale of a Tub* on quires R to V. It has a title-page dated 1641. The collation is in detail : R 1 recto, the title-page, with the verso blank ; R 2 recto, the list of characters and the scene ; R 2 verso, the argument of the first Act ; R 3 recto and verso, the prologue ; R 4 recto to V 4 recto, the text of the play, with the argument of the second Act on S 4 verso and T 1 recto, and the argument of the third Act on V 2 recto and verso ; V 4 verso is blank. The play stops abruptly at the opening of the fifth scene of the third Act, and unfortunately the arguments of the fourth and fifth Acts are lost, but there is a clear hint that the play ended with a merry feast in Robin Hood's bower through the efforts of ' *Reuben*, A devout Hermit ' described at the end of the list of characters as ' *The Reconciler* '.

The paging of *The Sad Shepherd* is erratic. It should be pages 115 to 145, but page 123 is misnumbered 133, and the printer left out the intervening numbers. Pages 151 and 154 are misnumbered 143 and 146 in the outer forme of the inner sheet of V.

The play was not entered on the Stationers' Register before publication. But Walkley included it in his belated entry of the contents of the ' third volume ' on 17 September, 1658, before he transferred it to Humphrey Moseley on 20 November.¹

There are signs of hasty printing. In a few passages words are omitted ;² a line is lost after i. iii. 13 ; the punctuation suffers from wrong stops and wrong fount. There are a few bad misprints, such as ' *heart* ' for ' *heat* ' (i. v. 70), ' *Lookes* ' for ' *Looke* ' (ibid. 95), ' *Withall the barke and parish tykes* ' for ' *With all the barkeand parish tykes* ' (ii. iii. 44), and ' *The last man* ' for ' *The lost man* ' (iii.

¹ See vol. vi, p. 146.

² For example, in the argument before the third Act, ll. 52, 55, and possibly in i. vii. 25.

iii. 3). One error in assigning a speech of Lionel to Karolin (i. v. 108) was probably in Jonson's manuscript ; 'he forgot that Karolin had just left the stage. But, where errors occur, it is easy to correct them, and we should be thankful if all plays of the period were no worse printed than *The Sad Shepherd*.

Three separate editions of the play have appeared. In 1783 F. G. Waldron edited it anonymously from the text of Whalley with careful additional notes of his own and an attempt to round off the fragment with a continuation. He suggested a number of emendations which were silently appropriated by Gifford. In 1905 Dr. W. W. Greg issued the play in a very accurate reprint, as volume xi in W. Bang's *Materialien zur Kunde des älteren englischen Dramas*. He reprinted Waldron's continuation. Mr. L. J. Potts edited the play with modern spelling and punctuation in the *Cambridge Plain Texts* in 1929. We have accepted his conjecture 'caule' for 'call'd' in Act 1, scene vi, line 7.

THE SAD
SHEPHERD:
OR,
A TALE OF
ROBIN-HOOD.

WRITTEN
By
BEN: IOHNSON.

Virg. Nec erubuit sylvas habitare Thaleia.

LONDON,
Printed M.DC.XLI.

The Persons of the Play.

Robin-hood, The chiefe Wood-man, Master of the Feast.
Marian, His Lady, the Mistris.

Their Family.

Friar Tuck, The Chaplaine and Steward.
Little Iohn, Bow-bearer. 5
Scarlet, } Two Brothers, Huntsmen.
Scathlock, }
George a Greene, Huisher of the Bower.
Much, *Robin-hoods* Bailiffe, or Acater.

The Guests invited. 10

<i>Clarion</i> , <i>Lionell</i> , <i>Alken</i> , <i>Aeglamour</i> , <i>Karolin</i> ,	{ The Rich. The Courteous. The Sage. The Sad. The Kind.	} Shepherds.	15
<i>Mellifleur</i> , <i>Amie</i> , <i>Earine</i> ,	{ The Sweet. The Gentle. The Beautifull.	} Shepherdesses.	

The troubles unexpected.

Maudlin, The Envious : The Witch of Papplewicke. 20
Douce, The Proud : Her Daughter.
Lorell, The Rude. A Swine'ard, the Witches son.
Puck-hairy, Or *Robin-Goodfellow*, their Hine.

The Reconciler.

Reuben, A devout Hermit. 25

The SCENE is Sher-wood.

Consisting of a Landt-shape of Forrest, Hills, Vallies, Cottages, A Castle, A River, Pastures, Heards, Flocks, all full of Countrey simplicity. *Robin-hoods* Bower, his Well, The Witches *Dimble*, The Swine'ards *Oake*, The Hermits *Cell*. 30

The Persons.] 17 Shepherdesses.] Shepherdesses F 18 Earine]
Larine F, F3 23 Hine] Hind G After 26 Musicians, Foresters,
 &c. G

THE ARGUMENT

of the first ACT.

R *Robin-hood*, having invited all the Shep'erds and Shep'erdesses of the Vale of *Be'voir*, to a Feast in the Forrest of *Sherwood*, and trusting to his Mistris, Maid *Marian*, with her Wood-men, to kill him Venison against
 5 the day : Having left the like charge with Friar *Tuck* his Chaplaine, and Steward, to command the rest of his merry men, to see the Bowre made ready, and all things in order for the entertainment ; meeting with his Guests at their entrance into the Wood, welcomes and conducts them to
 10 his Bowre. Where, by the way, hee receives the relation of the sad Shep'ard *Eglamour*, who is falne into a deepe Melancholy, for the losse of his beloved *Earine* ; reported to have beene drowned in passing over the *Trent*, some few dayes before. They endeavour in what they can to comfort
 15 him : but, his disease having taken so strong root, all is in vaine, and they are forced to leave him. In the meane time *Marian* is come from hunting with the Hunts-men, where the Lovers interchangeably expresse their loves. *Robin-hood* enquires if she hunted the Deere at force, and what
 20 sport he made, how long hee stood, and what head hee bore : All which is briefly answer'd with a relation of breaking him up, and the Raven, and her Bone. The suspect had of that Raven to be *Maudlin*, the Witch of *Paple-wick*, whom one of the Huntsmen met i' the morning, at the roweing of the
 25 Deere, and is confirm'd by her being then in *Robin-hoods* Kitchin, i' the Chimney-corner, broyling the same bit, which was throwne to the Raven, at the *Quarry* or Fall of the Deere. *Marian* being gone in, to shew the Deere to some of the Shephcerdresses, returnes instantly to the *Scene* dis-
 30 contented, sends away the Venison she had kill'd, to her they call the Witch, quarrels with her Love *Robin-hood*, abuseth him, and his Guests the Shep'erds ; and so departs, leaving them all in wonder and perplexitie.

The Argument]	10 way,] way F	20 made,] made ? F3
stood,] stood ? F3	bore:] bore ? F3	25 and] and which G



The PROLOGVE.

HE that hath feasted you these forty yeares,
And fitted Fables, for your finer eares,
Although at first, he scarce could hit the bore ;
Yet you, with patience harkning more and more,
At length have growne up to him, and made knowne, 5
The Working of his Pen is now your owne :
He pray's you would vouchsafe, for your owne sake,
To heare him this once more, but, sit awake.
And though hee now present you with such wooll,
As from meere English Flocks his Muse can pull, 10
He hopes when it is made up into Cloath ;
Not the most curious head here will be loath
To weare a Hood of it ; it being a Fleece,
To match, or those of Sicily, or Greece.
His Scene is Sherwood : And his Play a Tale 15
Of Robin-hood's inviting from the Vale
Of Be'voir, all the Shep'ards to a Feast :
Where, by the casuall absence of one Guest,
The Mirth is troubled much, and in one Man
As much of sadnesse showne, as Passion can. 20
The sad young Shep'ard, whom wee here present,
(p) Like his woes Figure, darke and discontent,
For his lost Love ; who in the Trent is said,
To have miscarried ; 'lasse ! what knowes the head
Of a calme River, whom the feet have drown'd ?
Heare what his sorrowes are ; and, if they wound
Your gentle brests, so that the End crowne all,
Which in the Scope of one dayes chance may fall :
Old Trent will send you more such Tales as these,
And shall grow young againe, as one doth please. 30

But here's an Heresie of late let fall ;
That Mirth by no meanes fits a Pastorall ;
Such say so, who can make none, he presumes :
Else, there's no Scene, more properly assumes
The Sock. For whence can sport in kind arise,
But from the Rurall Routs and Families ?

(p) The sad
Sheep'ard
passeth
silently over
the Stage.

Here the Pro-
logue think-
ing to end,
returnes up-
on a new
purpose, and
speakes on.

- Safe on this ground then, wee not feare to day,
 To tempt your laughter by our rustick Play.
 Wherein if we distaste, or be cry'd downe,*
 40 *Wee thinke wee therefore shall not leave the Towne ;
 Nor that the Fore-wits, that would draw the rest
 Vnto their liking, alwayes like the best.
 The wise, and knowing Critick will not say,
 This worst, or better is, before he weigh,*
 45 *Where every piece be perfect in the kind :
 And then, though in themselves he difference find,
 Yet if the place require it where they stood,
 The equall fitting makes them equall good.
 You shall have Love and Hate, and Jealousie,*
 50 *As well as Mirth, and Rage, and Melancholy :
 Or whatsoever else may either move,
 Or stirre affections, and your likings prove.
 But that no stile for Pastorall should goe
 Current, but what is stamp'd with Ah, and O ;*
 55 *Who judgeth so, may singularly erre ;
 As if all Poesie had one Character :
 In which what were not written, were not right,
 Or that the man who made such one poore flight,
 In his whole life, had with his winged skill*
 60 *Advanc'd him upmost on the Muses hill.
 When he like Poet yet remaines, as those
 Are Painters who can only make a Rose.
 From such your wits redeeme you, or your chance,
 Lest to a greater height you doe advance*
 65 *Of Folly, to contemne those that are knowne
 Artificers, and trust such as are none.*

The Prologue] 44 weigh,] weigh ; F
 62 Are Painters] Are Painters F

45 Where] Wher W

THE
SAD SHEPHERD;
OR,
A TALE OF
Robin-hood.

ACT I. SCENE I.

Æglamour.

HERE ! she was wont to goe ! and here ! and here !
Just where those Daisies, Pincks, and Violets grow :
The world may find the Spring by following her ;
For other print her aerie steps neere left.
Her treading would not bend a blade of grasse ! 5
Or shake the downie *Blow-ball* from his stalke !
But like the soft *West-wind*, she shot along,
And where she went, the Flowers tooke thickest root,
As she had sow'd 'hem with her odorous foot.

ACT I. SCENE II.

Marian. Tuck. Iohn. Wood-men, &c.

Mar. Know you, or can you guess, my merry men,
What 'tis that keeps your Master *Robin-hood*
So long both from his *Marian*, and the Wood ?

1. i.] SCENE, a Grove. | *Æglamour enters.* Wn : ACT I. SCENE I. |
Sherwood Forest. | *A distant prospect of hills, valleys, cottages, a castle, river,*
pastures, herds, flocks, &c. Robin Hood's bower in the foreground. | *Enter*
Æglamour. G. 1. ii.] SCENE, The entrance to Robin Hood's
bower. | *Marian, Tuck, George a Green, and Much, enter from the bower.*
Wn : SCENE II. | *Another Part of the Same.* | *Enter Marian, Friar Tuck,*
John, George-a-Green, Much, Woodmen, &c. G 2 *Robin-hood corr. F :*
Robin-hood ? F originally 3 *Wood ? corr. F : Wood. F originally*

- Tuc.* Forsooth, Madam, hee will be here by noone,
 5 And prayes it of your bounty as a boone,
 That you by then have kild him Venison some,
 To feast his jolly friends, who hether come
 In threaves to frolick with him, and make cheare ;
 Here's *Little Iohn* hath harbord you a Deere,
 10 I see by his tackling. *Io.* And a Hart of ten,
 I trow hee be, Madam, or blame your men :
 For by his Slot, his Entries, and his Port,
 His Frayings, Fewmets, he doth promise sport,
 And standing 'fore the Dogs ; hee beares a head,
 15 Large, and well beam'd : with all rights somm'd, and spread.
Mar. Let's rowse him quickly, and lay on the Hounds.
Io. *Scathlock* is ready with them on the grounds ;
 So is his brother *Scarlet* : now they've found
 His Layre, they have him sure within the pound.
 20 *Mar.* Away then, when my *Robin* bids a Feast,
 'Twere sinne in *Marian* to defraude a Guest.

A C T I. S C E N E I I I.

Tuck. *George a Greene.* *Much.* *Aeglamour.*

- Tuc.* And I, the Chaplaine, here am left to be
 Steward to day, and charge you all in fee,
 To d'on your Liveries ; see the Bower drest ;
 And fit the fine devises for the Feast :
 5 You *George* must care to make the *Baldrick* trim,
 And Garland that must crowne, or her, or him,
 Whose Flock this yeare, hath brought the earliest Lambe !
Geo. Good Father *Tuck*, at your Commands I am
 To cut the Table out o' the greene sword,
 10 Or any other service for my Lord ;
 To carve the Guests large seats ; and these laid in

1. ii. 6 then] them F 3 20 *Mar.* F3: *Mor.* F After 21
Exeunt Marian and John with the Woodmen. G 1. iii. ACT I] ACT. I
F: *Manent Tuck, George a Greene, and Much.* Wn: G continues the Scene.
6 him,] him; F 9 o' F3: O F sword] sword G

With turfe (as soft and smooth as the Moles skin :)
And hang the bulled Nose-gaies 'bove their heads,

* * * *

The Pipers banck, whereon to sit and play ;
And a faire Dyall to meete out the day. 15

Our Masters Feast shall want no just delights :
His entertainments must have all the rites.

Muc. I, and all choise that plenty can send in ;
Bread, Wine, Acates, Fowle, Feather, Fish, or Fin,
For which my Fathers Nets have swept the *Trent*.

Aegla-
mour fals
in with
them.

Aeg. And ha' you found her ? *Mu.* Whom ? *Aeg.* My
drowned Love.

Earine ! the sweet *Earine !*

The bright, and beautifull *Earine !*

Have you not heard of my *Earine ?*

Just by your Fathers Mills (I thinke I am right) 25

Are not you *Much* the Millers sonne ? *Mu.* I am.

Aeg. And Baily to brave *Robin-hood ? Mu.* The same.

Aeg. Close by your Fathers Mills, *Earine !*

Earine was drown'd ! O my *Earine !*

(Old *Maudlin* tells me so, and *Douce* her Daughter) 30

Ha' you swept the River say you ? and not found her ?

Muc. For Fowle, and Fish wee have. *Aeg.* O not for her ?

You're goodly friends ! right charitable men !

Nay, keepe your way, and leave me : make your toyes, 35

Your tales, your poesies, that you talk'd of ; all

Your entertainments : you not injure me :

Onely if I may enjoy my *Cipresse* wreath !

And you will let me weepe ! ('tis all I aske ;)

Till I be turn'd to water, as was she !

And troth, what lesse suit can you grant a man ? 40

Tuck. His *Phantasie* is hurt, let us now leave him :

The wound is yet too fresh, to admit searching.

Aeg. Searching ? where should I search ? or on what track ?

Can my slow drop of teares, or this darke shade

i. iii. 13 After l. 13 a line rhyming with 'heads' is lost : Wn. suggested
'Raise, where the stately beech her branches spreads' 27 Baily]
Bailiff F3 40 troth, F3 : troth F 42 Exit Tuck. add Wn, G

- 45 About my browes, enough describe her losse?

Earine, O my *Earine's* losse!

No, no, no; this heart will breake first.

Geo. How will this sad disaster strike the eares
Of bounteous *Robin-hood*, our gentle Master?

- 50 *Mu.* How will it marre his mirth, abate his feast;
And strike a horror into every guest!

- Aeg.* If I could knit whole clouds about my browes,
And weepe like *Swithen*, or those watry signes,
The Kids that rise then, and drowne all the Flocks
55 Of those rich Shepherds, dwelling in this Vale;
Those carelesse Shepherds, that did let her drowne!
Then I did something: or could make old *Trent*
Drunke with my sorrow, to start out in breaches
To drowne their Herds, their cattle, and their corne,
60 Breake downe their Mills, their Dams, ore-turne their weeres,
And see their houses, and whole lively-hood
Wrought into water, with her, all were good:
I'd kisse the torrent, and those whirles of *Trent*,
That suck'd her in, my sweet *Earine*!
65 When they have cast their body on the shore,
And it comes up, as tainted as themselves,
All pale and bloodlesse, I will love it still,
For all that they can doe, and make 'hem mad,
To see how I will hugge it in mine armes!
70 And hang upon the lookes, dwell on her eyes:
Feed round about her lips, and eate her kisses!
Suck of her drowned flesh! and where's their malice?
Not all their envious sousing can change that:
But I will study some revenge past this!
75 I pray you give me leave, for I will study.
Though all the Bels, Pipes, Tabors, Timburines ring
That you can plant about me: I will study.

1. iii. 45 losse?] losse! F After 51 *Exeunt George and Much.*
add G 57 something:] something F: something, F3 60 weeres]
Wares F3 65 their] her Wn, G 70 the] her Wn, G 72 of]
off Wn, G 74 *Music of all sorts is heard.* add G 75 study.] study,
F3 77 study.] *Aeglamour retires, and sits on a bank ruminating. Wn*

The sad Shepherd.

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ACT I. SCENE IIII.

Robin-hood. Clarion. Mellifleur. Lionel. Amie. Alken. Tuck. Servants, with musick of all sorts.

Rob. Welcome bright *Clarion*, and sweet *Mellifleur*,
 The courteous *Lionel*, faire *Amie* ; all
 My friends and neighbours, to the Jolly Bower
 Of *Robin-hood*, and to the greene-wood Walkes :
 Now that the shearing of your sheepe is done, 5
 And the wash'd Flocks are lighted of their wooll,
 The smoother Ewes are ready to receive
 The mounting Rams againe ; and both doe feed,
 As either promist to increase your breed
 At eaning time; and bring you lusty twins. 10
 Why should, or you, or wee so much forget
 The season in our selves : as not to make
 Vse of our youth, and spirits, to awake
 The nimble Horne-pipe, and the Timburine,
 And mixe our Songs, and Dances in the Wood, 15
 And each of us cut downe a Triumph-bough ?
 Such are the Rites, the youthfull *Iune* allow.

Cla. They were, gay *Robin*, but the sower sort
 Of Shepherds now disclaime in all such sport :
 And say, our Flocks, the while, are poorely fed, 20
 When with such vanities the Swaines are led.

Tuc. Would they, wise *Clarion*, were not hurried more
 With Covetise and Rage, when to their store
 They adde the poore mans Eaneling, and dare sell
 Both Fleece, and Carkasse, not gi'ing him the Fell. 25
 When to one Goat, they reach that prickly weed,
 Which maketh all the rest forbear to feed ;
 Or strew *Tods* haire, or with their tailes doe sweepe
 The dewy grasse, to d'off the simpler sheepe ;

1. iv. Enter Robin Hood, Clarion, Mellifleur, Lionel, Amie, Alken, Tuck,
 Musicians, &c. G, continuing the scene 16 -bough ? F3 : -bough. F
 17 are Wn, G: were F 20 Flocks,] Flocks F

- 30 Or digge deepe pits, their Neighbours Neat to vexe,
To drowne the Calves, and crack the Heifers necks.
Or with pretence of chasing thence the Brock,
Send in a curre to worrie the whole Flock.

Lio. O Friar, those are faults that are not seene,
35 Ours open, and of worst example beene.
They call ours, *Pagan* pastimes, that infect
Our blood with ease, our youth with all neglect,
Our tongues with wantonnesse, our thoughts with lust ;
And what they censure ill, all others must.

- 40 *Rob.* I doe not know, what their sharpe sight may see
Of late, but I should thinke it still might be
(As 'twas) a happy age, when on the Plaines,
The Wood-men met the Damsells, and the Swaines
The Neat'ards, Plow-men, and the Pipers loud,
45 And each did dance, some to the Kit, or Crowd,
Some to the Bag-pipe, some the Tabret mov'd,
And all did either love, or were belov'd.

Lio. The dextrous Shepherd then would try his sling,
Then dart his Hooke at Daysies, then would sing,
50 Sometimes would wrestle. *Cla.* I, and with a Lasse :
And give her a new garment on the grasse ;
After a course at Barley-breake, or Base.

Lio. And all these deeds were seene without offence,
Or the least hazard o' their innocence.

- 55 *Rob.* Those charitable times had no mistrust.
Shepherds knew how to love, and not to lust.

Cla. Each minute that wee lose thus, I confesse,
Deserves a censure on us, more or lesse ;
But that a sadder chance hath given allay,
60 Both to the Mirth, and Musicke of this day.
Our fairest Shepherdesse wee had of late,
Here upon *Trent*, is drown'd ; for whom her mate
Young *Aeglamour*, a Swaine, who best could tread

1. iv. 37 neglect.] neglect; F 38 lust;] lust. F 46 Tabret
mov'd F3: Tabret-mov'd F 49 sing.] sing. F 54 o'] of F3
56 *Exit Tuck and Servants.* add L. J. Potts

The sad Shepherd.

17

Our countrey dances, and our games did lead,
Lives like the melancholy Turtle, drown'd 65
Deeper in woe, then she in water : crown'd
With *Yewgh* and *Cypresse*, and will scarce admit
The Physick of our presence to his fit.

Lio. Sometimes he sits, and thinkes all day, then walkes,
Then thinkes againe ; and sighes, weeps, laughs, and talkes, 70
And, 'twixt his pleasing frenzie, and sad grieve,
Is so distracted ; as no sought reliefe,
By all our studies can procure his peace.

Cla. The passion finds in him that large increase,
As wee doubt hourelly wee shall lose him too. 75

Rob. You should not crosse him then what ere you doe :
For Phant'sie stop'd, will soone take fire, and burne
Into an anger, or to a Phrensie turne.

Cla. Nay, so wee are advis'd by *Alken* here,
A good sage Shepherd, who all-tho' he weare 80
An old worne hat and cloake, can tell us more
Then all the forward Fry, that boast their Lore.

Lio. See, yonder comes the brother of the Maid,
Young *Karolin* ! how curious, and afraid
Hee is at once ! willing to find him out, 85
And loath to'offend him. *Alken.* Sure hee's here about.

ACT I. SCENE V.

Robin-hood. Clarion. Mellifleur. Lionel. Amie. Alken.
Karolin. Aeglamour, sitting upon a banke by.

Cla. See where hee sits. *Aeg.* It will be rare, rare, rare !
An exquisite revenge : but peace, no words !
Not for the fairest fleece of all the Flock :
If it be knowne afore, 'tis all worth nothing !

I. iv. 67 *Cypresse*] *Cypressa* F' 79 *Alken*] *Alhen* F 86
After 'him.' Enter *Karolin.* G *Alken.*] *Kar.* G I. v.] *G* con-
tinues the scene *Karolin* enters to *Robin Hood, Clarion, Mellifleur,*
Lionel, Amie, Alken, and Aeglamour, who is sitting upon a bank by. Wn
1 After 'sits.' *Points to Aeglamour, sitting upon a bank hard by.* G 2
exquisite revenge] *exquisiterevenge* F

- 5 Ile carve it on the trees, and in the turfe,
 On every greene sworth, and in every path,
 Just to the Margin of the cruell *Trent* ;
 There will I knock the story in the ground,
 In smooth great peble, and mosse-fill it round,
 10 Till the whole Countrey read how she was drown'd.
 And with the plenty of salt teares there shed,
 Quite alter the complexion of the Spring.
 Or I will get some old, old Grandam, thither,
 Whose rigid foot but dip'd into the water,
 15 Shall strike that sharpe and suddaine cold, throughout,
 As it shall loose all vertue ; and those Nimphs,
 Those treacherous Nimphs pull'd in *Earine*,
 Shall stand curl'd up, like Images of Ice ;
 And never thaw ! marke, never ! a sharpe Justice :
 20 Or stay, a better ! when the yeare's at hottest,
 And that the *Dog-starre* fomes, and the streame boiles,
 And curles, and workes, and swells ready to sparkle :
 To fling a fellow with a Fever in,
 To set it all on fire, till it burne,
 25 Blew as *Scamander*, 'fore the walls of *Troy* ;
 When *Vulcan* leap'd in to him, to consume him.
Rob. A deepe hurt Phant'sie. *Aeg.* Doe you not approve
 it ?
Rob. Yes gentle *Aeglamour*, wee all approve,
 And come to gratulate your just revenge :
 30 Which since it is so perfect, we now hope,
 You'll leave all care thereof, and mixe with us,
 In all the profer'd solace of the Spring.
Aeg. A Spring, now she is dead : of what, of thornes ?
 Briars, and Brambles ? Thistles ? Burs, and Docks ?
 35 Cold Hemlock ? Yewgh ? the Mandrake, or the Boxe ?
 These may grow still ; but what can spring beside ?
 Did not the whole Earth sicken, when she died ?

1. v. 9 mosse-] mosse F 14 rigid] frigid *Theobald conj*
 17 *Earine*,] *Earine* ; F 20 yeare's] yeares F 21 streame]
 streames F : Stream F3 27 After 'Phant'sie.' *They approach*
him. G 34 Docks F3 : Dorks F

As if there since did fall one drop of dew,
 But what was wept for her ! or any stalke
 Did beare a Flower ! or any branch a bloome ; 40
 After her wreath was made : In faith, in faith
 You doe not faire, to put these things upon me,
 Which can in no sort be : *Earine*,
 Who had her very being, and her name,
 With the first knots, or buddings of the Spring, 45
 Borne with the Primrose, and the Violet,
 Or earliest Roses blowne : when *Cupid* smil'd,
 And *Venus* led the *Graces* out to dance,
 And all the Flowers, and Sweets in *Natures* lap,
 Leap'd out, and made their solemne Conjuratiō, 50
 To last, but while shee liv'd : Doe not I know,
 How the *Valc* wither'd the same Day ? How *Dove*,
Deane, *Eye*, and *Erwash*, *Idell*, *Snite*, and *Soare*,
 Each broke his Vrne, and twenty waters more,
 That swell'd proud *Trent*, shrunke themselves dry ; that since, 55
 No Sun, or Moone, or other cheerfull Starre
 Look'd out of heaven ! but all the Cope was darke,
 As it were hung so for her Exequies !
 And not a voice or sound, to ring her knell :
 But of that dismall paire, the scritchng Owle, 60
 And buzzing Hornet ! harke, harke, harke the foule
 Bird ! how shee flutters with her wicker wings !
 Peace, you shall heare her scritch. *Cla.* Good *Karolin* sing,
 Helpe to divert this Phant'sie. *Kar.* All I can.

*Though I am young, and cannot tell,
 Either what Death, or Love is well,
 Yet I have heard, they both beare darts,
 And both doe ayme at humane hearts :
 And then againe, I have beene told
 Love wounds with heat, as Death with cold ;*

The Song.
 Which
 while
Karolin
 sings,
Aegla-
mour
 reads.

I. v. 42 me,] me. F 53 *Snite*] *Smite* C.C.B. conj. in *Notes and*
Queries, 8th series, ix, p. 285. 60 Owle,] Owle ; F 64 Peace.
 F3 : Peace F 65-80 Printed as a separate lyric with the heading A
 Sonnet in the Quarto and Duodecimo editions of Jonson's Poems, 1640.
 70 heat F3, 4º, 12 mo : heart F

*So that I feare, they doe but bring
Extreames to touch, and meane one thing.*

*As in a ruine, we it call
One thing to be blowne up, or fall ;
75 Or to our end, like way may have,
By a flash of lightning, or a wave :
So Loves inflamed shaft, or brand,
May kill as soone as Deaths cold hand ;
Except Loves fires the vertue have
80 To fright the frost out of the grave.*

Aeg. Doe you thinke so ? are you in that good heresie ?
I meane opinion ? If you be, say nothing :
I'll study it, as a new Philosophy,
But by my selfe alone : Now you shall leave me !
85 Some of these Nimphs, here will reward you ; this,
This pretty Maid, although but with a kisse.
Liv'd my *Earine*, you should have twenty :
For every line here, one I would allow 'hem
From mine owne store, the treasure I had in her :
90 Now I am poore as you. *Kar.* And I a wretch !

Hee
forces
Amie to
kisse
him.

Aegla-
mour goes
out, and
Karolin
followes
him.

Cla. Yet keepe an eye upon him, *Karoline*.
Mel. Alas that ever such a generous spirit,
As *Aeglamours*, should sinke by such a losse.
Cla. The truest Lovers are least fortunate,
Looke all their Lives, and Legends ; what they call
The Lovers Scriptures : *Heliadores*, or *Tatij* !
Longi ! *Eustathij* ! *Prodromi* ! you'l find it !
What thinke you Father ? *Alk.* I have knowne some few,
And read of more ; wh(o)'have had their dose, and deepe,
100 Of these sharpe bitter-sweets. *Lio.* But what is this
To jolly *Robin* ? who the Story is,
Of all beatitude in Love ? *Cla.* And told
Here every day, with wonder on the wold.

1. v. 74 *or*] and 4^o, 12^{mo} 84 me !] me l F
86 kisse.] kisse, F St. dir. forces] fotces F
F : Look F3 103 wold W : world F, F3

85 this,] this F
95 Looke] Lookes

The sad Shepherd.

21

Lio. And with fames voice. *Alk.* Save that some folke
delight
To blend all good of others, with some spight. 105
Cla. Hee, and his *Marian*, are the Summe and Talke
Of all, that breath here in the Greene-wood Walke.
Mel. Or *Be'voir Vale.* *Lio.* The Turtles of the Wood.
Cla. The billing Paire. *Alk.* And so are understood
For simple loves, and sampled lives beside. 110
Mel. Faith, so much vertue should not be envi'd.
Alk. Better be so, then pittied, *Mellifleur!*
For 'gainst all envy, vertue is a cure ;
But wretched pittie ever calcs on scornes.
The Deere's brought home : I heare it by their hornes. 115

A C T I. S C E N E V I.

To *Robin*, &c. *Marian.* *Iohn.* *Scarlet.* *Scathlock.*

Rob. My *Marian*, and my Mistris ! *Mar.* My lov'd *Robin!*
Mel. The Moone's at full, the happy paire are met !
Mar. How hath this morning paid me, for my rising !
First, with my sports ; but most with meeting you !
I did not halfe so well reward my hounds, 5
As she hath me to day : although I gave them
All the sweet morsels, Calle, Tongue, Eares, and Dowcets !
Rob. What ? and the inch-pin ? *Mar.* Yes. *Rob.* Your
sports then pleas'd you ?
Mar. You are a wanton. *Rob.* One I doe confesse
I wanted till you came, but now I have you, 10
Ile growe to your embraces, till two soules
Distilled into kisses, through our lips
Doe make one spirit of love. *Mar.* O *Robin!* *Robin!*

1. v. 108 Vale.] Vale ? F *Lio.* W: *Kar.* F, F3 112 pittied,] pittied
F: pitied, F3 114 *Horns within.* add G 115 *Deere's]* *Deeres*
F: *Deer's* F3 1. vi] *Enter Marian, Iohn, and Scarlet.* G, continuing
the scene. 1. *They embrace.* add G 2 *Moone's]* *Moones* F
5 so] so so F 7 *Calle,]* *caul L. J. Potts conj.:* call'd F, F3 13 After
'love.' [*kisses her.* G

Rob. Breathe, breathe a while, what sayes my gentle
Marian?

15 *Mar.* Could you so long be absent? *Rob.* What, a weeke?
Was that so long? *Mar.* How long are Lovers weekes,
Doe you think *Robin*, when they are asunder?

Are they not *Pris'ners* yeares? *Rob.* To some they seem so;
But being met againe, they're Schoole-boyes houres.

20 *Mar.* That have got leave to play, and so wee use them.
Rob. Had you good sport i'your chase to day? *Io.* O
prime!

Mar. A lusty Stagge! *Rob.* And hunted yee at force?

Mar. In a full cry. *Io.* And never hunted change!

Rob. You had stanch Hounds then? *Mar.* Old and sure,
I love

25 No young rash dogs, no more then changing friends.

Rob. What relays set you? *Io.* None at all; we laid not
In one fresh dog. *Rob.* Hee stood not long then? *Sca(r).*
Yes,

Five houres and more. A great, large Deere! *Rob.* What
head?

Ioh. Forked! A Hart of ten. *Mar.* Hee is good Venison,

30 According to the season i'the blood,

I'll promise all your friends, for whom he fell.

Ioh. But at his fall there hap't a chance. *Mar.* Worth
marke!

Rob. I! what was that, sweet *Marian*?* *Mar.* You'll
not heare?

Rob. I love these interruptions in a Story;*

They make it sweeter. *Mar.* You doe know, as soone
As the Assay is taken.* *Rob.* On my *Marian*.

I did but take the Assay. *Mar.* You stop ones mouth,
And yet you bid 'hem speake—When the Arbor's made.

Rob. Puld downe, and paunch turn'd out. *Mar.* Hee
that undoes him,

*He
kisses
her.
*He
kisses
her
againe.
*He
kisses
her
againe.

1. vi. 15 What, F3: What F 16 weekes,] weekes! F: Weeks, F3
22 Stagge!] Stagge? F 32 marke!] marke? F 33 that,] that
F *Marian?* *Marian* F 38 'hem] one G When] when F
Arbor's] Arbors F 39 him, F3: him; F

Doth cleave the brisket-bone ; upon the spoone 40
Of which, a little gristle growes, you call it——

Rob. The Ravens-bone. *Mar.* Now, ore head sate a
Raven !

On a sere bough ! a growne great Bird ! and Hoarse !
Who, all the while the Deere was breaking up,
So crok'd and cry'd for't, as all the hunts-men, 45
(Especially old *Scathlocke*) thought it ominous !
Swore it was Mother *Maudlin* ; whom he met,
At the Day-dawne ; just as hee rows'd the Deere,
Out of his Laire : but wee made shift to run him
Off his foure leggs, and sunke him e're wee left. 50

Is the Deere come ? *Scat.* Hee lies within o' the dresser !

Mar. Will you goe see him *Mellifleur* ? *Mel.* I attend
you.

Mar. Come *Amie*, you'll goe with us ? *Am.* I am not well.

Lio. Shee's sick o' the yong Shep'ard that bekist her.

Mar. Friend, cheare your friends up, wee will eate him 55
merrily.

Alk. Saw you the Raven, Friend ? *Scat.* I, qu'ha suld
let me ?

I suld be afraid o' you, sir, suld I ? *Clar.* Hunts-man !
A Dram more of Civilitie would not hurt you !

Rob. Nay, you must give them all their rudenesses ;
They are not else themselves, without their language. 60

Alk. And what do you thinke of her ? *Scat.* As of a
Witch.

They call her a Wise-woman, but I thinke her
An arrant Witch. *Cla.* And wherefore think you so ?

Sca. Because I saw her since, broiling the bone
Was cast her at the Quarrie. *Alk.* Where saw you her ? 65

Sca. I' the Chimley nuik, within : shee's there, now.

Rob. *Marian* !

I. vi. 40 -bone:] -bone, F 42 The] the F After 50 Enter
Scathlock. G 51 o' F3 : o F 55 Exeunt *Mar. Mell. and Amie.*
add Wn, G 57 o'] o F, F3 you, sir,] you sir F : you, Sir, F3
58 you !] you ? F, F3 64 Because] Because, F 66 After
'now.' Re-enter *Marian.* G

ACT I. SCENE VII.

To them

(Maudlin, as) Marian.

Your Hunt holds in his tale, still ; and tells more !

Mar. My Hunt ? what tale ? *Rob.* How ! cloudie,
*Marian !*What looke is this ? *Mar.* A fit one, Sir, for you.*To Scath-* Hand off, rude Ranger ! Sirrah, get you in
lock.

And beare the Venison hence. It is too good

For these course rustick mouthes that cannot open,
Or spend a thanke for't. A starv'd Muttons carkasse
Would better fit their palates. See it carried
To Mother *Maudlins*, whom you call the Witch, Sir.10 Tell her I sent it to make merrie with,
Shee'll 'turne us thanks at least ! why stand'st thou,
Groome ?*Rob.* I wonder he can move ! that hee's not fix'd !

If that his feeling be the same with mine !

I dare not trust the faith of mine owne senses.

15 I feare mine eyes, and eares ! this is not *Marian !*Nor am I *Robin-hood !* I pray you aske her !

Aske her good Shep'ards ! aske her all for me ;

Or rather aske your selves, if shee be shee ;

Or I, be I. *Mar.* Yes, and you are the spie :

20 And the spi'd Spie, that watch upon my walkes,

To informe what Deere I kill, or give away !

Where ! when ! to whom ! but spie your worst, good Spie !

I will dispose of this where least you like !

Fall to your cheese-cakes, curdes, and clawted creame,

25 Your fooles, your flaunes ; and of ale a streame

To wash it from your livers : straine ewes milke

Into your Cider sillabubs, and be drunke

To him, whose Fleece hath brought the earliest Lambe

This yeare ; and weares the Baudrick at your bord !

i. vii Enter Maudlin, the witch, as Marian. Wn. : G continues the
scene 4 off, F3: off F 11 'turne] turne F Exit Scathlock.
add L. J. Potts 28 Fleece] flock F. Cunningham conj.

Where you may all goe whistle ; and record 30
This i' your dance : and foot it lustily.

Rob. I pray you friends, doe you heare ? and see, as I *Shee*
doe ? *leaves*
them.

Did the same accents strike your eares ? and objects
Your eyes, as mine ? *Alk.* Wee taste the same reproches !

Lio. Have seen the changes ! *Rob.* Are wee not all
chang'd, 35

~~Transformed from our selves ?~~ *Lio.* I do not know !

The best is silence ! *Alk.* And to await the issue.

Rob. The dead, or lazie wait for't : I will find it.

The Argument of the
second ACT.

THE Witch *Maudlin*, having taken the shape of *Marian*
to abuse *Robin-hood*, and perplexe his guests, commeth
forth with her daughter *Douce*, reporting in what confusion
shee hath left them ; defrauded them, of their Venison ;
made them suspitious each of the other ; but most of all 5
Robin-hood so jealous of his *Marian*, as shee hopes no effect
of love would ever reconcile them ; glorying so farre in the
extent of her mischiefe, as shee confesseth to have surpriz'd
Earine, strip'd her of her garments, to make her daughter
appeare fine, at this feast, in them ; and to have shut the 10
maiden up in a tree, as her sonnes prize, if he could winne
her ; or his prey, if he would force her. Her Sonne, a rude
bragging swine'ard, comes to the tree to woo her (his Mother,
and Sister stepping aside, to over-heare him) and first boasts
his wealth to her, and his possessions ; which move not. 15
Then he presents her guifts, such as himselfe is taken with,
but shee utterly shoves a scorne, and loathing both of him,
and them. His mother is angry, rates him, instructs him
what to doe the next time, and perswades her daughter, to
show her selfe about the bower : tells, how shee shall know 20

her mother, when she is transformed, by her broidered belt. Meane while the yong sheep'ardes *Amy* being kist by *Karolin*, *Earines* brother, before, falls in Love ; but knowes not what Love is : but describes her disease so innocently, 25 that *Marian* pitties her. When *Robin-hood*, and the rest of his Guests invited, enter to *Marian*, upbraiding her with sending away their Venison to Mother *Maudlin* by *Scathlock*, which shee denies ; *Scathlock* affirmes it, but seeing his Mistres weep, & to forswear it, begins to doubt his owne 30 understanding, rather then affront her farder ; which makes *Robin-hood*, and the rest, to examine themselves better. But *Maudlin* entering like her selfe, the Witch, comes to thanke her for her bountie : at which, *Marian* is more angrie, and more denies the deed. *Scathlock* enters, 35 tells he has brought it againe, & delivered it to the Cooke. The Witch is inwardly vext, the Venison is so recover'd from her, by the rude Huntsman ; and murmurs, and curses, bewitches the Cooke, mocks poore *Amie*, and the rest, discovereth her ill nature, and is a meane of reconciling them 40 all. For the sage Shepherd suspecteth her mischeife, if shee be not prevented : and so perswadeth to seize on her. Whereupon *Robin-hood* dispatcheth out his woodmen to hunt, and take her. Which ends the Act.

ACT II. SCENE I.

*Maudlin. Douce. <Lorel.>**Mau.* **H**Ave I not left 'em in a brave confusion ?

HAmaz'd their expectation ? got their Venison ?
 Troubled their mirth, and meeting ? made them doubtfull,

II. THE ARGUMENT 22 sheep'ardes] *Shep'ardess* F 3 23
 before om. G 28 *Scathlock*] *Scatchlock* F 30 farder] *farther*
 F3 32 Witch.] *Witch F* 36 vext.] *vext F3* 37 Hunts-
 man ; . . . curses.] *Huntsman, . . . Curses ; F3* 40 Shepherd]
 Shepherd, F 43 Which] *which F* II. i] ACT II. SCENE]
 ACT. II. SCENE. F SCENE, *Lorel's Oak.* | *Enter Maudlin and Douce*
Wn: The Forest as before. | The Witch's Dimple, cottage, oak, well, &c. :
Enter Maudlin in her proper shape, and Douce in the dress of Earine. G

And jealous of each other ? all distracted ?
 And, i' the close, uncertaine of themselves ? 5
 This can your Mother doe, my daintie *Douce* !
~~Take anie shape upon her ! and delude~~
 The senses, best acquainted with their Owners !
 The jolly *Robin*, who hath bid this feast,
 And made this solemne invitation ; 10
 I ha' possessed so, with syke dislikes
 Of his owne *Marian*, that all-bee' he know her,
 As doth the vouting hart, his venting hind,
 Hee nêre, fra' hence, sall neis her i' the wind,
 To his first liking. *Dou.* Did you so dista(s)te him ? 15
Mau. As farre as her proud scorning him, could 'bate
 Or blunt the edge of any Lovers temper.
Dou. But were yee like her, mother ? *Mau.* So like,
Douce,
 As had shee seen me her sel', her sel' had doubted
 Whether had been the liker off the twâ ! 20
 This can your Mother doe, I tell you Daughter !
 I ha' but dight yee, yet, i' the out-dresse,
 And 'parraile of *Earine* ! but this raiment,
 These very weeds, sall make yee, as but comming
 In view or ken of *Aeglamour*, your forme 25
 Shall show too slipperie to be look'd upon !
 And all the Forrest sweare you to be shee !
 They shall rin after yee, and wage the odds,
 Upo' their owne deceived sights, yee' are her !
 Whilst shee (poore Lasse) is stock'd up in a tree : 30
 Your brother *Lorells* prize ! For so my largesse,
 Hath lotted her, to be your brothers Mistresse ;
 Gif shee can be reclaim'd : gif not, his Prey !
 And here he comes, new claiethed, like a Prince
 Of Swine'ards ! sike he seemes ! dight i'the spoiles 35
 Of those he feedes ! A mightie Lord of Swine !

ii. i. 6 doe,] doe *F* 9 who hath] who' hath *F* 12 all-bee']
 all-be *F*₃ 14 nêre,] nêre *F* 15 distaste *W* 18 her,] her *F*
 like,] like *F* 20 off] of *F*₃ 22 yet, *F*₃: yet ; *F* out-dresse,]
 out-dresse ; *F*: out-dress *F*₃

He is command now, to woo. Let's step aside,
 And heare his love-craft ! See, he opes the dore !
 And takes her by the hand, and helps her forth !
 40 This is true court-ship, and becomes his ray.

A C T II. S C E N E II.

Lorel. Earine. Maudlin. Douce.

Lor. Yee kind to others, but yee coy to mee,
 Deft Mistres ! whiter then the cheese, new prest !
 Smoother then creame ! and softer then the curds !
 Why start yee from mee, ere yee heare me tell
 5 My wooing errand ; and what rents I have ?
 Large heards, and pastures ! Swine, and Kie, mine owne !
 And though my na'se be camus'd, my lipps thick,
 And my chin bristled ! *Pan*, great *Pan*, was such !
 Who was the chiefe of Heards-men, and our Sire !
 10 I am na' Fay ! na' Incubus ! na' Changlin !
 But a good man, that lives o' my awne geere.
 This house ! these grounds ! this stock is all mine awne !
Ear. How better 'twere to mee, this were not knowne !
Mau. Shee likes it not : but it is boasted well !
 15 *Lor.* An hundred Udders for the payle I have,
 That gi' mee Milke and Curds, that make mee Cheese
 To cloy the Mercatts ! twentie swarme of Bees,
 Whilke (all the summer) hum about the hive,
 And bring mee Waxe, and Honey in by live.
 20 An aged Oake, the King of all the field,
 With a broad Beech there growes afore my dur,
 That mickell Mast unto the ferme doth yeild.
 A Chestnut, whilk hath larded money a Swine,
 Whose skins I weare, to fend me fra the Cold.

ii. i. 37 Let's] Lets F 38 After 'love-craft !' They stand aside.
 [Enter Lorel gaily dressed, and releases Earine from the oak. G 40
 Maudlin and Douce retire. add Wn ii. ii] Lorel enters, releases
 Earine from the Tree. Wn : Lor. [leading Earine forward]. G, who con-
 tinues the scene i yee] ye're A. Dyce conj mee.] mee F 17
 Mercatts] Markets F3 19 by live] belive W : bilive G
 20 Oake,] Oake F

A Poplar greene, and with a kerved Seat, 25

Under whose shade I solace in the heat ;

And thence can see gang out, and in, my neat.

Twa trilland brookes, each (from his spring) doth meet,

And make a river, to refresh my feet :

In which, each morning ere the Sun doth rise, 30

I look my selfe, and cleare my pleasant eyes,

Before I pipe ; For, therein I have skill

'Bove other Swine'ards. Bid mee, and I will

Straight play to you, and make you melodie.

Ear. By no meanes. Ah ! to me all minstrelsie 35

Is irksome, as are you. *Lor.* Why scorne you mee ?

Because I am a Heards-man, and feed Swine !

I am a Lord of other geere ! this fine

Smooth Bawsons Cub, the young Grice of a Gray ;

Twa tynie Urshins, and this Ferret gay. 40

Ear. Out on 'hem ! what are these ? *Lor.* I give 'hem yee ;

As presents, Mrs. *Ear.* O, the feind, and thee !

Gar take them hence : they fewmand all the claithes,

And prick my Coates : hence with 'hem, limmer lowne,

Thy vermin, and thy selfe, thy selfe art one ; 45

I, lock me up. All's well when thou art gone.

ACT II. SCENE III.

Lorel. Maudlin. Douce.

Lor. Did you heare this ? shee wish'd mee at the feind,

With all my presents ! *Mau.* A tu luckie end

Shee wishend thee, fowle Limmer ! drittie Lowne !

Gud faith, it duills mee that I am thy Mother !

And see, thy Sister scornes thee, for her Brother ! 5

ii. ii. 39 Bawsons] bawson G 42 presents, Mrs.] presents Mrs.
F : Presents, Mrs. F3 feind, and] fiend on Wn, G 45 selfe art]
felfe art F 46 I.] I F : Ay, W gone.] He shuts her up again in
the Oak. Wn : Lorel leads her to the tree, and shuts her in. add G
ii. iii] Re-enter Maudlin and Douce to Lorel. Wn : Maudlin and Douce
come forward. G, who continues the scene.

Thou woo thy Love ? thy Mistresse ? with twa Hedge-
hogs ?

A stinkand brock ? a polcat ? out thou houlet !

Thou should'st ha' given her, a Madge-Owle ! and then

Tho' hadst made a present o' thy selfe, Owle-spiegle !

10 *Dou.* Why, Mother, I have heard yee bid to give ;

And often, as the Cause calls. *Mau.* I know well,

It is a wittie part, sum-times, to give.

But what ? to whame ? no monsters ! nor to maidens !

Hee suld present them with mare pleasand things,

15 Things naturall, and what all woemen covet

To see : the common Parent of us all !

Which Maids will twire at, 'tween their fingers, thus !

With which his Sire gat him ! Hee's gett another !

And so beget posteritie upon her !

20 This he should do ! (false Gelden) gang thy gait

And du thy turnes, betimes : or, I's gar take

Thy new breikes fra' thee, and thy duiblet tu.

The Ta(i)lleur, and the Sowter sall undu'

Lorell All they ha' made ; except thou manlier woo !

goes out.

Dou. Gud Mother, gif yow chide him, hee'll du wairs.

Mau. Hang him : I geif him to the Devills eirs.

But, yee my *Douce*, I charge yee, shew your sell,

Tu all the Sheep'ards, bauldly : gaing amang 'hem.

Be mickell i' their eye, frequent, and fugeand.

30 And, gif they aske yee of *Earine*,

Or of these claithes ; say, that I ga' 'hem yee,

And say no more. I ha' that wark in hand,

That web upo' the Luime, sall gar 'hem thinke

By then, they feelin their owne frights, and feares,

35 I's pu' the world, or Nature, 'bout their eares.

But, heare yee *Douce*, bycause yee may meet mee

In mony shapes tu day ; where ere you spie

This browdred belt, with Characters, 'tis I.

11. iii. 6 Love ? . . . Mistresse ?] Love, . . . Mistris, *F*₃ 8 should'st]
shoul'dst *F* her,] her *F*₃ 9 Tho' hadst] Th' hadst *F*₃ : Thou'dst
G 18 him ! Hee's] him, he's *G* 23 Tailleur *G* : *query*, Tailleur
31 'hem] hem *F* 36 bycause] bycause, *F* 38 'tis] tis *F*

A Gypsy Ladie, and a right Beldame,
 Wrought it by Moone-shine for mee, and Star-light, 40
 Upo' your Granams grave, that verie night
 Wee earth'd her, in the shades ; when our Dame *Hecat*,
 Made it her gaing-night, over the Kirk-yard,
 With all the barkeand parish tykes set at her,
 While I sate whyrland of my brasen spindle : 45
 At every twisted thrid my rock let flie
 Unto the sew'ster, who did sit me nigh,
 Under the towne-turne-pike ; which ran each spell
 She stitched in the worke, and knit it well.
 See, yee take tent to this, and ken your Mother. 50

ACT II. SCENE IV.

Marian. Mellifleur. Amie.

Mar. How do you, sweet *Amie*, yet ? *Mel.* Shee cannot tell,

If shee could sleepe, shee saies, shee should do well.

Shee feeles a hurt, but where, shee cannot show

Any least signe, that shee is hurt or no.

Her paine's not doubtfull to her ; but the seat 5

Of her paine is. Her thoughts too work, and beat,

Opprest with Cares : but why, shee cannot say.

All matter of her care is quite away.

Mar. Hath any Vermin broke into your Fold ?

Or any rott seiz'd on your flock ? or cold ? 10

Or hath your feighting Ram, burst his hard horne ?

Or any Ewe her fleece ? or bag hath torne,

My gentle *Amie* ? *Am. Marian*, none of these.

Mar. Ha' you been stung by Waspes, or angry Bees ?

II. iii. 42 *Hecat*] *Hecate* F3 44 With all F3: Withall F barke-
 and] barkand W: barke and F: Bark and F3 45 whyrland F3:
 whyrland, F 50 ken your] ken'your F *Exeunt.* add Wn, G
 II. iv] SCENE, *Robin's bower.* | *Enter Marian, Mellifleur, Amie.* Wn:
 SCENE II. | *Another part of the Forest.* | *The entrance to Robin Hood's*
Bower. | *Amie discovered lying on a bank, Marian and Mellifleur sitting*
by her. G I you, F3: you F *Amie, F3: Amie ? F*

15 Or raz'd with some rude bramble, or rough briar ?

Am. No, *Marian* ; my disease is somewhat nigher.

I weep, and boile away my selfe, in teares ;

And then my panting heart would dry those feares :

I burne, though all the Forrest lend a shade ;

20 And freize, though the whole Wood one fire were made.

Mar. Alas !

Am. I often have been torne with thorne and briar ;

Both in the Leg, and Foot, and somewhat higher :

Yet gave not then such fearfull shreikes as these. Ah !

I often have been stung too, with curst Bees ;

25 Yet not remember that I then did quit

Either my Companie, or Mirth for it. Ah !

And therefore, what it is that I feele now,

And know no cause of it, nor where, nor how,

It entred in mee, nor least print can see,

30 I feele afflicts mee more, then Briar, or Bee. Oh !

How often, when the Sun, heavens brightest birth,

Hath with his burning fervour cleft the earth,

Under a spreading Elme, or Oake, hard by

A coole cleare fountaine, could I sleeping lie

35 Safe from the heate ! but now, no shadie tree,

Nor purling brook, can my refreshing bee !

Of when the medowes, were growne rough with frost,

The rivers ice-bound, and their currents lost,

My thick warme fleece I wore, was my defence,

40 Or large good fires, I made, drave winter thence.

But now, my whole flocks fells, nor this thick grove,

Enflam'd to ashes, can my cold remove.

It is a cold, and heat, that doth out-goe

All sense of Winters, and of Summers so.

11. iv. 16 No,] No F 17 selfe] Selfe F 20 *Mar.* Alas ! a
 separate line in F3, W, G 23 Ah !] [sighs, add G, omitting ' Ah !'
 26 Ah !] [Sighs again. add G, omitting ' Ah !' 30 Oh !] [again.
 G, omitting ' Oh !' 31 Sun, F3 : Sun F birth, F3 : birth F
 35 heate!] heate? F 36 bee !] bee ? F 39 defence, F3 :
 defence F 42 ashes,] ashes F 43 out-goe] out-goe F

ACT II. SCENE V.

Robin-hood. Clarion. Lionel. Alken.

Rob. O', are you here, my Mistresse? Mar. I, my Love! Shee seeing him, runs to imbrace him. He puts her back.
Where should I be, but in my Robins armes?

The Sphere which I delight in, so to move?

Rob. What, the rude Ranger? and spied Spie? hand off: You are for no such rusticks. Mar. What meanes this, Thrice worthy Clarion? or wise Alken? know yee?

Rob. 'Las no, not they! a poore sterv'd Muttons carkasse Would better fit their palat's, then your Venison.

Mar. What riddle is this! unfold your selfe, deare Robin.

Rob. You ha' not sent your Venison hence by Scathlock, 10
To Mother Maudlin? Mar. I to Mother Maudlin?

Will Scathlock say so? Rob. Nay, wee will all sweare so.

For all did heare it, when you gave the charge so.

Both Clarion, Alken, Lionel, my selfe.

Mar. Good honest Shep'ards, Masters of your flocks, 15
Simple, and vertuous men, no others hirelings;

~~Be not you made to speake against your Conscience,~~

That which may soile the truth. I send the Venison

Away? by Scathlock? and to mother Maudlin?

I came to shew it here, to Mellifleur, 20

I doe confesse; but Amies falling ill,

Did put us of it: Since wee imploied our selves

In comforting of her. O', here he is!

Did I, Sir, bid you beare away the Venison,

To mother Maudlin? Sca. I, gud faith, Madam, 25

Did you, and I ha' done it. Mar. What ha' you done?

Sca. Obey'd your hests, Madam; done your Com-
maunds.

Mar. Done my Commaunds, dull groome? Fetch it againe
Or kennel with the hounds. Are these the Arts,

II. v.] Enter Robin Hood, Clarion, Lionel, and Alken. G, continuing the scene. 1 I, F3: I F: Ay, W (so 25) 4 What,] What F 22 of] off F3 Stage dir. Scathlock] Scathlock, F 25 I,] I F 29 Arts,] Arts F Weeps. add G

30 *Robin*, you read your rude ones o'the wood,
 To countenance your quarrells, and mistakings ?
 Or are the sports to entertaine your friends
 Those formed jealousies ? Aske of *Mellifleur*,
 If I were ever from her, here, or *Amie*,

35 Since I came in with them ; or saw this *Scathlock*,
 Since I related to you his tale, o' the Raven ?

Scathlock goes out. *Sca.* I, say you so ? *Mel.* Shee never left my side
 Since I came in, here, nor I hers. *Cla.* This's strange !
 Our best of Senses were deceiv'd, our eyes, then !

40 *Lio.* And eares too. *Mar.* What you have concluded on,
 Make good, I pray you. *Am.* O' my heart, my heart !

Mar. My heart it is, is wounded, prettie *Amie* ;
 Report not you your greifes : I'll tell for all.

Mel. Some body is to blame, there is a fault.

45 *Mar.* Try if you can take rest. A little slumber
 Will much refresh you (*Amie*). *Alk.* What's her greif ?

Mar. Shee does not know : and therein shee is happie.

ACT II. SCENE VI.

To them

John, *Maudlin*, and *Scathlock* after.

Foh. Here's Mother *Maudlin* come to give you thanks,
 Madam, for some late guift, shee hath receiv'd——

Which shee's not worthie of, shee saies, but crakes,
 And wonders of it ; hoppes about the house ;

Shee daunceth. Transported with the joy. *Mau.* Send mee a Stagge !
 A whole Stagge, Madam ! and so fat a Deere !

So fairelie hunted, and at such a time too !

When all your freinds were here ! *Rob.* Do you mark this,
Clarion ?

Her owne acknowledgement ? *Mau.* 'Twas such a bountie

10 And honour done to your poore Bedes-woman,
 I know not how to owe it, but to thanke you.

II. v. 41 good, F3 : good F
 46 After ' (*Amie*) ' *Amie* sleeps. G
 G, continuing the scene.

42 wounded, F3 : wounded F
 II. vi. Enter *John* and *Maudlin*.
 8 After ' here ! ' *Ships* and dances. G

And that I come to du : I shall goe round,
And giddie with the toy of the good turne.

Shee
turnes
round,
till shee
falls.

*Looke out, looke out, gay folke about,
And see mee spin ; the ring I'am in
Of mirth, & glee, with thanks for fee
The heart putts on, for th' Venison
My Lady sent, which shall be spent
In draughts of Wine, to fume up fine
Into the braine, and downe againe
Fall in a Swoune, upo' the growne.*

20

Rob. Look to her, shee is mad. *Mau.* My Son hath sent
you

A pott of Strawberries, gather'd i' the wood
(His Hoggs would els have rooted up, or trod)

With a choice dish of wildings here, to scald 25

And mingle with your Creame. *Mar.* Thank you good
Maudlin,

And thanke your Sonne. Go, beare 'hem in to *Much*

Th' Acater, let him thanke her. Surelie, Mother,

You were mistaken, or my Woodmen more,

Or most my selfe, to send you all our store 30

Of Venison, hunted for our selves, this day !

You will not take it, Mother, I dare say,

If wee'lld intreat you ; when you know our ghests :

Red Deere is head still of the forrest feasts.

Mau. But I know yee, a right free-hearted Ladie, 35

Can spare it out of superfluitie :

I have departit it 'mong my poore Neighbours

To speake your Largesse. *Mar.* I not gave it, Mother ;

You have done wrong then : I know how to place

My guifts, and where ; and when to find my seasons 40

To give, not throw away my Curtesies.

Mau. Count you this thrown away? *Mar.* What's
ravish'd from mee

I count it worse ; as stolne : I loose my thanks.

But leave this quest : they fit not you, nor mee,

45 *Maudlin*, Contentions of this qualitie.

Scathlock enters. How now ? *Sca.* Your Stag's return'd upon my shoulders,

Hee has found his way into the Kitchin againe,

With his two Leggs, if now your Cooke can dresse him ;

Slid, I thought the Swine'ard would ha' beat mee,

50 Hee lookes so big ! the sturdie Karle, lewd *Lorel* !

Marian gives him Gold. *Mar.* There *Scathlock*, for thy paines, thou hast deserv'd it.

Mau. Do you give a thing, and take a thing, Madam ?

Mar. No, *Maudlin*, you had imparted to your Neigh-
bours ;

As much good doo't them : I ha' done no wrong.

The first Charme. *Mau.* *The Spit stand still, no Broches turne
Before the fire, but let it burne
Both sides, and haunches, till the whole
Converted be into one Cole.*

Cla. What Devills *Pater noster* mumbles shee ?

60 *Alk.* Stay, you will heare more of her witcherie.

Mau. *The Swilland Dropsie enter in
The Lazie Cuke, and swell his skin ;
And the old Mort-mal on his skin
Now prick, and itch, withouten blin.*

65 *Cla.* Speake out Hagge, wee may heare your Devills
Mattens.

Mau. *The Pæne, wee call S. Antons fire,
The Gout, or what wee can desire,
To crampe a Cuke, in every lim,
Before they dine, yet ; seize on him.*

70 *Alk.* A foule ill Spirit hath possessed her.

Am. O *Karol*, *Karol*, call him back againe.

Lio. Her thoughts do worke upon her, in her slumber.

And may expresse some part of her disease.

11. vi. 43 loose] lose F3 46 St. dir. *Scathlock* F3 : *Scathlock*, F
47 againe,] againe : F 48 if] If F 50 lookes] look'd G 51
St. dir. in F at l. 52. *Exit Scath.* add G 54 As] And Wn 60
witcherie.] witcherie F 66 *Pæne,*] *Pæne* F *fire,*] *fire* F 69 yet :]
yet, F3 71 *Am.*] *Am.* [*starting.*] G

Rob. Observe, and marke, but trouble not her ease.

Am. O', ô. *Mar.* How is it, *Amie*? *Mel.* Wherefore start you?

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Am. O' *Karol*, he is faire, and sweet. *Mau.* What then? Are there not flowers as sweet, and faire, as men?

The Lillie is faire! and Rose is sweet! *Am.* I, so!

Let all the Roses, and the Lillies goe:

Karol is only faire to mee! *Mar.* And why?

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Am. Alas, for *Karol*, *Marian*, I could die.

Karol, he singeth sweetly too! *Mau.* What then?

Are there not Birds sing sweeter farre, then Men?

Am. I grant the Linet, Larke, and Bul-finch sing,

But best, the deare, good Angell of the Spring,

85

The Nightingale. *Mau.* Then why? then why, alone,

Should his notes please you? *Am.* I not long agoe

Tooke a delight, with wanton kidds to play,

And sport with little Lambes a Summers Day!

And view their friskes! me thought it was a sight

90

Of joy, to see my two brave Rammes to fight!

Now *Karol*, onely, all delight doth move!

All that is *Karol*, *Karol* I approve!

This verie morning, but—I did bestow

(It was a little 'gainst my will, I know)

95

A single kisse, upon the seelie Swaine,

And now I wish that verie kisse againe.

His lip is softer, sweeter then the Rose;

His mouth, and tongue with dropping honey flowes.

The relish of it was a pleasing thing.

100

Mau. Yet like the Bees it had a little sting.

Am. And sunke, and sticks yet in my marrow deepe,
And what doth hurt me, I now wish to keepe.

Mar. Alas, how innocent her Storie is!

Am. I doe remember, *Marian*, have oft

105

II. vi. 75 is it, G: is't F 76 *Mau.*] *Mar.* G conj. here and in
82-3, 86-7, 101 78 I.] I', F 81 Alas,] Alas F 82 *Karol*,
he F3: *Karol*. He F (as a speech-heading) 91 see] set F. *Cunning-*
ham conj. 94 I](I F 98 Rose; F3: Rose F 102 deepe,]
deepe F

With pleasure kist my Lambes, and Puppies, soft,
 And once a daintie fine Roe-fawne I had,
 Of whose out-skipping bounds, I was as glad
 As of my health : and him I oft would kisse :

- 110 Yet had his, no such sting, or paine, as this.
 They never prick't or hurt my heart. And, for
 They were so blunt, and dull, I wish no more.
 But this, that hurtes, and prickes doth please ; This sweet,
 Mingled with sower, I wish againe to meet :
 115 And that delay, mee thinks, most tedious is
 That keeps, or hinders mee of *Karols* kisse.

Mar. Wee'll send for him, sweet *Amie*, to come to you.

Shee goes
 murmuring
 out.

Mau. But, I will keepe him of if *Charmes* will doe it.

Cla. Doe you marke the murmuring hagge, how shee
 doth mutter ?

- 120 *Rob.* I like her not. And lesse her manners now.

Alk. Shee is a shrewd deformed peice, I vow.

Lio. As crooked as her bodie. *Rob.* I beleewe
 Shee can take any Shape ; as *Scathlock* saies.

Alk. ~~Shee may deceive the Sense, but really~~

- 125 ~~Shee cannot change her selfe.~~ *Rob.* Would I could see her,
 Once more in *Marians* forme ! for I am certaine
 Now, it was shee abus'd us ; as I think
 My *Marian*, and my Love, now, innocent :
 Which faith I seale unto her, with this kisse,
 130 And call you all to witnessse of my pennance.

Alk. It was beleiv'd before, but now confirm'd,
 That wee have seen the Monster.

ACT II. SCENE VII.

Tuck. John. Much. Scarlet.

To them

Tuc. Heare you how
 Poore *Tom*, the Cooke, is taken ! All his joynts
 Do crack, as if his Limbes were tied with points :

II. vi. 117 him,] him F 130 [*Kisses Marian.* add G II. vii.
Enter Friar Tuck, John, Much, and Scarlet. G, continuing the scene.

His whole frame slackens ; and a kind of rack
Runs downe along the Spondylls of his back ; 5
A Gowt, or Crampe, now seizeth on his head,
Then falls into his feet ; his knees are lead ;
And he can stirre his either hand, no more
Then a dead stumpe, to his office, as before.

² *Alk.* Hee is bewitch'd. *Cl.* This is an Argument 10
Both of her malice, and her power, wee see.

Alk. Shee must by some device restrained bee,
Or shee'll goe farre in mischief. *Rob.* Advise how,
Sage Shep'ard, wee shall put it straight in practice.

Alk. Send forth your woodmen, then, into the walkes, 15
Or let 'em prick her footing hence ; A Witch
Is sure a Creature of Melancholy, .

And will be found, or sitting in her fourme,
Or els, at releife, like a Hare. *Cl.* You speake
Alken, as if you knew the sport of Witch-hunting,
Or starting of a Hag. *Rob.* Go sirs about it,
Take *George* here with you, he can helpe to find her ;
Leave *Tuck*, and *Much* behind to dresse the Dinner,
I' the Cookes stead. *Much.* Wee'll care to get that done.

Rob. Come *Marian*, let's withdraw into the bowre.

Enter
George
to the
Hunts-
men ;
who by
them-
selves
continue
the Scene.
The rest
going off.

ACT II. SCENE VIII.

John. Scarlet. Scathlock. George. Alken.

Jo. Rare sport I sweare ! this hunting of the Witch
Will make us. *Scar.* Let's advise upon't, like huntsmen.

Geo. And wee can spie her once, shee is our owne.

Sca(r). First, think which way shee fourmeth, on what
wind :

Or North, or South. *Geo.* For, as the Shep'ard said, 5
A Witch is a kind of Hare. *Scat.* And markes the weather,
As the hare does. *Jo.* Where shall wee hope to find her ?

II. viii. 10 bewitch'd] bewitched F 25 let's F3 : let's F *Exeunt*
all but *John, Scarlet, Scathlock, and George.* add G II. viii. G con-
tinues the scene. 4 *Scar.] Scat.* F3

Alken
returns.

- Alk.* I have ask'd leave to assist you, jollie huntsmen,
If an old Shep'herd may be heard among you ;
10 Not jear'd or laugh'd at. *Jo.* Father, you will see
Robin-hoods house-hold know more *Curtesie*.
Scat. Who scornes at eld, peeles of his owne young haieres.
Alk. Yee say right well. Know yee the *Witches Dell* ?
Scar. No more then I do know the walkes of Hell.
15 *Alk.* Within a gloomie dimble, shee doth dwell
Downe in a pitt, ore-growne with brakes and briars,
Close by the ruines of a shaken Abbey
Torne, with an Earth-quake, down unto the ground,
'Mongst graves, and grotts, neare an old Charnell house,
20 Where you shall find her sitting in her fourme,
As fearfull, and melancholique, as that
Shee is about ; with Caterpillers kells,
And knottie Cobwebs, rounded in with spells ;
Thence shee steales forth to releif, in the foggs,
25 And rotten Mistes, upon the fens, and boggs,
Downe to the drowned Lands of *Lincolneshire* ;
To make Ewes cast their Lambs ! Swine eate their Farrow !
The House-wives Tun not worke ! Nor the Milk churne !
Writhe Childrens wrists ! and suck their breath in sleepe !
30 Get Vialls of their blood ! And where the Sea
Casts up his slimie Owze, search for a weed
To open locks with, and to rivet Charmes,
Planted about her, in the wicked feat,
Of all her mischeifes, which are manifold.
35 *Jo.* I wonder such a storie could be told,
Of her dire deeds. *Geo.* I thought a Witches bankes
Had inclos'd nothing, but the merrie pranks
Of some old woman. *Skar.* Yes, her malice more !
Sca<t>. As it would quickly appeare, had wee the Store
40 Of his Collects. *Geo.* I, this gud learned Man
Can speake her right. *Skar.* Heknowes her shifts, and haunts !

ii. viii. 11 -hold] -hold, F 12 *Scat.*] *Scar.* Wn. conj. 14 *Scar.*] *Scat.* Wn. conj.
16 briars, F3 : briars. F 28 House-wives]
House-wives F3 33 feat] seat G 38, 41 *Skar.*] *Scar.* F3
39 *Scat.* F3 41 knowes F3 : knowes, F

Alk. And all her wiles, and turnes. The venom'd Plants
Wherewith shee kill's ! where the sad Mandrake growes,
Whose grones are deathfull ! the dead-numming Night-
shade !

The stupifying Hemlock ! Adders tongue ! 45

And Martagan ! the shreikes of lucklesse Owles,
Wee heare ! and croaking Night-Crowes in the aire !
Greene-bellied Snakes ! blew fire-drakes in the skie !
And giddie Flitter-mice, with lether wings !

The scalie Beetles, with their habergeons, 50

That make a humming Murmur as they flie !
There, in the stocks of trees, white Faies doe dwell,
And span-long Elves, that dance about a poole !
With each a little Changeling, in their armes !

The airie spirits play with falling starres ! 55

And mount the Sphere of fire, to kisse the Moone !
While shee sits reading by the Glow-wormes light,
Or rotten wood (o're which the worme hath crept)

The banefull scedule of her nocent charmes, 60

And binding Characters, through which shee wounds
Her Puppetts, the *Sigilla* of her witch-craft.

All this I know, and I will find her for you ;

And shew you'her sitting in her fourme ; I'le lay

My hand upon her ; make her throw her skutt
Along her back, when shee doth start before us. 65

But you must give her Law : and you shall see her
Make twentie leapes, and doubles ; crosse the pathes,
And then squatt downe beside us. *Jo.* Craftie Croane !
I long to be at the sport, and to report it.

Scar. Wee'll make this hunting of the Witch, as famous, 70
As any other blast of *Venerie*.

Scat. Hang her, foule hagge, shee'll be a stinking Chase !
I had rather ha' the hunting of her heyre.

Geo. If wee could come to see her, cry, so haw, once !

Alk. That I doe promise, or I' am no good Hag-finder. 75

*The Argument of the
third ACT.*

Puck-hairy discovers himselfe in the Forrest, and discourseth his offices with their necessities, breifly ; After which, *Douce*, entring in the habit of *Earine*, is pursued by *Karol* ; who mistaking her at first to be his Sister, questions her, how shee came by those garments. Shee answers, by her mothers gift. The sad Shepherd comming in the while, shee runs away affrighted, and leaves *Karol*, sodainely ; *Aeglamour* thinking it to be *Earines* ghost he saw, falls into a melancholique expression of his phantsie to *Karol*, & questions him sadly about that point, which moves compassion in *Karol* of his mistake still. When *Clarion*, and *Lionell* enter to call *Karol* to *Amie* ; *Karol* reports to them *Aeglamours* passion, with much regrete. *Clarion* resolves to seeke him. *Karol* to returne with *Lionell*. By the way *Douce*, and her Mother (in the shape of *Marian*) meet them, and would divert them, affirming *Amie* to be recovered, which *Lionell* wondred at to be so soone. *Robin-hood* enters, they tell him the relation of the Witch, thinking her to be *Marian* ; *Robin* suspecting her to be *Maudlin*, lay's hold of her Girdle sodainely, but shee striving to get free, they both run out, and he returnes with the belt broken. Shee following in her owne shape, demaunding it, but at a distance, as fearing to be seiz'd upon againe ; and seeing shee cannot recover it, falls into a rage, and cursing, resolving to trust to her old artes, which shee calls her daughter to assist in. The Shepherds content with this discovery, goe home triumphing, make the relation to *Marian*. *Amie* is gladdened with the sight of *Karol*, &c. In the meane time enters *Lorel*, with purpose to ravish *Earine*, and calling her forth to that lewd end, he by the hearing of *Clarions* footing, is staid, and forced to commit her hastily to the tree againe,

III. THE ARGUMENT

12 *Amie* ;] *Amie*, F₃

daughter] goblin *Wn. conj.* (cf. III. iv. 58, v. 1)

1 discovers] disc overs F : discovereth F₃

13 regrete] regret F : regret F₃

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where *Clarion* comming by, and hearing a voyce singing, draws neere unto it, but *Aeglamour* hearing it also, and knowing it to be *Earine's*, falls into a superstitious commendation of it, as being an Angells, and in the aire, when 35 *Clarion* espies a hand put forth from the tree, and makes towards it, leaving *Aeglamour* to his wild phantsie, who quitteth the place, and *Clarion* beginning to court the hand, and make love to it, there ariseth a mist sodainely, which, darkning all the place, *Clarion* looseth himselfe, and the 40 tree where *Earine* is inclosed, lamenting his misfortune, with the unknowne nimphs miserie. The Aire clearing, enters the Witch, with her Son and Daughter, tells them how shee had caused that late darkenesse, to free *Lorell* from surprisall, and his prey from being reskued from him : 45 bids him looke to her, and lock her up more carefully, and follow her, to assist a work, shee hath in hand, of recovering her lost Girdle ; which shee laments the losse of, with cursings, execrations, wishing confusion to their feast, and meeting : sends her Sonne, and Daughter to gather certaine 50 Simples, for her purpose, and bring them to her Dell. This *Puck* hearing prevents, & shewes <her> her error still. The Hunts-men having found her footing, follow the tract, and prick after her. Shee getts to her Dell, and takes her Forme. Enter <the Hunts-men, led by *Alken*>, *Alken* has spied her 55 sitting with her Spindle, Threds, and Images. They are eager to seize her presently, but *Alken* perswades them to let her begin her charmes, which they doe. Her Sonne and Daughter come to her, the Hunts-men are afrighted as they see her worke goe forward. And over-hastie to apprehend 60 her, shee escapeth them all, by the helpe and delusions of *Puck*.

ACT III. SCENE I.

Puck-hairy.

- THE Feind hath much to doe, that keeps a Schoole ;
 Or is the Father of a familie ;
 Or governes but a country Academie :
 His labours must be great, as are his cares,
 5 To watch all turnes, and cast how to prevent 'hem.
 This Dame of mine here, *Maud.* growes high in evill,
 And thinkes shee doe's all, when 'tis I, her Divell,
 That both delude her, and must yet protect her :
 Shee's confident in mischeife, and presumes
 10 The changing of her shape will still secure her.
 But that may faile, and diverse hazards meete
 Of other consequence, which I must looke to :
 Not let her be surpriz'd on the first catch.
 I must goe daunce about the Forrest, now,
 15 And firke it like a Goblin, till I find her.
 Then will my service come worth acceptation,
 When not expected of her ; when the helpe
 Meetes the necessity, and both doe kisse,
 'Tis call'd the timing of a dutie, this.

ACT III. SCENE II.

Karol. Douce, to them Aeglamour.

- Kar.* Sure, you are very like her ! I conceiv'd
 You had been shee, seeing you run afore mee :
 For such a suite shee made her 'gainst this Feast ;
 In all resemblance, or the verie same ;
 5 I saw her in it ; had shee liv'd t(o)'enjoy it,

III. i] ACT III. SCENE I. | *The Forest.* | Enter *Puck-hairy.* G 6
Maud.] *Maud*, F3 (the period marks the abbreviation of the name : so
 III. ii. 11) 7 *Divell*] *Devil* F3 12 to:] too : F3 : to. F
 16 acceptance,] acceptance ; F 17 her :] her, F 18 kisse,]
 kisse F 19 *Exit.* add G III. ii] SCENE II. | *Another part of the*
same. | Enter *Karol*, and *Douce* in the dress of *Earine.* G 5 it,] it F

Shee had been there an acceptable Guest
To *Marian*, and the gentle *Robin-hood*,
Who are the Crowne, and Ghirland of the Wood.

Dou. I cannot tell : my Mother gave it mee,
And bad mee weare it. *Kar.* Who, the wise good Woman ? 10
Old *Maud.* of *Pappelwicke* ? *Dou.* Yes, this sullen Man,
I cannot like him. I must take my leave.

Aeg. What said shee to you ? *Kar.* Who ? *Aegl.* and *Douce*
Earine. goes out.

I saw her talking with you, or her Ghost ;
For shee indeed is drown'd in old *Trents* bottome. 15
Did shee not tell who would ha' pull'd her in ?
And had her Maiden-head upon the place ?
The rivers brim, the margin of the Flood ?
No ground is holie enough, (you know my meaning)
Lust is committed in Kings Palaces, 20
And yet their Majestie's not violated !
No words ! *Kar.* How sad, and wild his thoughts are !
gone ?

Aeg. But shee, as chaste, as was her name, *Earine*,
Dy'd undeflowr'd : and now her sweet soule hovers,
Here, in the Aire, above us ; and doth haste
To get up to the *Moone*, and *Mercury* ;
And whisper *Venus* in her *Orbe* ; then spring
Up to old *Saturne*, and come downe by *Mars*,
Consulting *Jupiter* ; and seate her selfe
Just in the midst with *Phæbus* ; tempring all 30
The jarring Spheeres, and giving to the World
Againe, his first and tunefull planetting !
O' what an age will here be of new concords !
Delightfull harmonie ! to rock old Sages,
Twice infants, in the Cradle o' Speculation,
And throw a silence upon all the creatures !

Kar. A Cogitation of the highest rapture !

Aegl. The loudest Seas, and most enraged Windes

Aegla-
mour goes
out, but
comes in
again.

He goes
out
again,
but
returnes
as soone
as before.

Shall lose their clangor ; Tempest shall grow hoarse ;
 40 Loud Thunder dumbe ; and every speece of storme
 Laid in the lap of listning Nature, husht ;
 To heare the changed chime of this eighth spheere !
 Take tent, and harken for it, loose it not.

*Aegla-
mour
departs.*

ACT III. SCENE III.

Clarion. Lionell. Karol.

Cla. O', here is *Karol* ! was not that the sad
 Shep'erd, slip'd from him ? *Lio.* Yes, I ghesse it was :
 Who was that left you, *Karol* ? *Kar.* The lost man !
 Whom, wee shall never see himselfe againe ;
 5 Or ours, I feare ! He starts away from hand, so,
 And all the touches, or soft stroke of reason,
 Yee can applie ! No Colt is so unbroken !
 Or hawke yet halfe so haggard, or unmann'd !
 He takes all toies that his wild phantsy proffers,
 10 And flies away with them. He now conceives
 That my lost Sister, his *Earine*,
 Is lately turn'd a Sphere amid the seven :
 And reades a Musique-Lecture to the Planets !
 And with this thought, hee's run to cal 'hem, Hearers !
 15 *Cla.* Alas, this is a strayn'd, but innocent phant'sie !
 I'le follow him, and find him, if I can :
 Meane time, goe you with *Lionell*, sweet *Karol*,
 Hee will acquaint you with an accident
 Which much desires your presence, on the place !

ACT III. SCENE IV.

Karol. Lionell.

Kar. What is it, *Lionell*, wherein I may serve you ?
 Why doe you so survey, and circumscribe mee ?
 As if you stuck one Eye into my brest,

III. ii. 42 this] his F3 43 loose] lose F3 III. iii. Enter
Clarion and Lionell. G, continuing the scene. 3 lost Wn : last F
 6 stroke] strokes W reason,] reason! F 7 applie !] applie. F
 14 'hem] 'em F3 19 Exit. add G III. iv] G continues the scene.

And with the other took my whole dimensions ?

Lio. I wish you had a windo' i' your bosome 5
Or i' your back : I might look thorough you,
And see your in-parts, *Karol*, liver, heart ;
For there the seat of *Love* is. Whence the Boy
(The winged Archer) hath shott home a shaft
Into my sisters brest, the innocent *Amie*, 10
Who now cries out, upon her bed, on *Karol*,
Sweet singing *Karol* ! the delicious *Karol* !
That kist her like a *Cupid* ! In your eyes,
Shee saies, his stand is ! and between your lipp's
He runs forth his divisions, to her eares, 15
But will not bide there, 'lesse your selfe do bring him.
Goe with me *Karol*, and bestow a visit
In charitie, upon the afflicted Maid,
Who pineth with the languor of your love.

Mar. Whither intend you ? *Amy* is recover'd, 20
Feeles no such griefe as shee complain'd of, lately :
This Maiden hath been with her from her Mother
Maudlin, the cunning Woman, who hath sent her
Herbes for her head, and Simples of that nature,
Have wrought upon her a miraculous Cure ;
Setled her braine, to all our wish, and wonder !

To them
Maud
and
Douce,
but *Maud*
appear-
ing like
Marian.

Lio. So instantly ? you know, I now but left her,
Possess'd with such a fit, almost to'a phrensie ;
Your selfe too fear'd her, *Marian* ; and did urge
My haste, to seeke out *Karol*, and to bring him. 30

Mar. I did so. But the skill of that wise woeman
And her great charitie of doeing good
Hath by the readie hand of this deft lasse
Her daughter, wrought effects, beyond beleife,
And to astonishment ; wee can but thanke 35
And praise, and be amazed, while wee tell it.

They goe
out.

Lio. 'Tis strange, that any art should so helpe nature
In her extremes. *Kar.* Then, it appeares most reall

Enter
Robin-hood.

When th'other is deficient. *Rob.* Wherefore stay you
Discoursing here, and haste not with your succours
To poore afflicted *Amie*, that so needes them ?

Lio. Shee is recover'd well, your *Marian* told us

Enter
Maudl :
like

But now here : See, shee is return'd t(o)'affirme it !

Rob. My *Marian* ? *Mar.* *Robin-hood* ? Is hee here ?

Marian.
Maudl :
espying
Robin-hood

Rob. Stay !

What was't you ha' told my friend ? *Mar.* Helpe, murder,
helpe.

would
run out,
but he
staies her
by the
Girdle,
and runs
in with
her. He
returns
with the
Girdle
broken,
and shee
in her
owne
shape.

You will not rob me, Out-law ? Theife, restore

My belt that yee have broken ! *Rob.* Yes, come neere.

Mau. Not i' your gripe. *Rob.* Was this the charmed circle ?

The Copy that so couzen'd, and deceiv'd us ?

I'le carry hence the trophie of your spoiles.

My men shall hunt you too upon the start,

And course you soundly. *Mau.* I shall make 'hem sport

And send some home, without their leggs, or armes.

I'le teach 'hem to climbe Stiles, leape Ditches, Ponds,

And lie i' the Waters, if they follow mee.

Rob. Out, murmuring Hagge. *Mau.* I must use all my
powers,

Lay all my witts to piecing of this losse.

Things run unluckily. Where's my *Puck-hairy* ?

ACT III. SCENE V.

Maud. *Puck.*

Hath he forsooke mee ? *Puc.* At your beck, Madame.

Mau. O *Puck*, my Goblin ! I have lost my belt,
The strong theife, *Robin* Out-law, forc'd it from mee.

Puck. They're other Cloudes and blacker threat you,
Dame ;

iii. iv. 39 St. dir. *Robin-hood.*] *Robin-hood* F Wherefore F3 :
Wherefore, F 43 After 'here : ' *Re-enter Maudlin, as before.* G
Maudl. ... *Maudl.* :] *Maud.* ... *Maud.* F3 44 After 'here ? ' *Attempts*
to run out. G 46 me, F3 : me F 47 neere.] neere, F : near. F3
56 Out.] Out F After 'Hagge.' *Exeunt Robin and Shepherds.* Wn:
Exeunt all but Maud. G 57 unluckily.] unluckily, F iii. v.
1. After 'mee ? ' *Enter Puck-hairy.* G, continuing the scene.

You must be wary, and pull in your sailes, 5
 And yeeld unto the wether of the tempest.
 You thinke your power's infinite as your malice ;
 And would do all your anger prompts you to :
 But you must wait occasions, and obey them :
 Saile in an egg-shell, make a straw your mast, 10
 A Cobweb all your Cloth, and passe, unseen,
 Till you have scap'd the rockes that are about you.

Mau. What rock's about mee ? *Puc.* I do love, Madam,
 To shew you all your dangers, when you are past 'hem.
 Come, follow mee, I'll once more be your pilot, 15
 And you shall thanke mee. *Mau.* Lucky, my lov'd Goblin !
 Where are you gaang, now ? *Lor.* Unto my tree, *Lorel*
 To see my Maistres. *Mau.* Gang thy gait, and try *meetes*
 Thy turnes, with better luck, or hang thy sel'. *her.*

The End.

III. v. 11 passe,] pass *F3* 14 dangers,] dangers— *Wn* 16
 After 'mee.' *Exit. G* 17 gaang] gaand *L. J. Potts*

MORTIMER HIS FALL

THE TEXT

The fragment entitled *Mortimer his Fall* was printed on the last pages of the section of the 1640 Folio which included the *Masques* and the *Underwoods*, immediately after the *Entertainment at Welbeck*, and *Love's Welcome at Bolsover*. In this section the fragment is on signatures Qq 2 to 4, pages 287-92. The collation is in detail: Qq 2, the title-page, with the verso blank; Qq 3 recto the list of characters; Qq 3 verso, 'Arguments'; Qq 4 recto and verso, the fragmentary text.

The manuscript from which it was printed was evidently a rough draft. The abbreviations show this: for example 'HEN. the K. Cosin' in the list of characters, 'to get the keyes of the Castle of Nott. into the K. power' in the 'Arguments', and still more the sixth line of Mortimer's prelude 'A Prince, an Earle, and Cosin to the King.' printed as if it were a stage direction: the line was an afterthought added by Jonson in the margin of his manuscript. He heads the fragment 'Act I.' and, if he had revised it, he would have put the headings 'Scene I' and 'Scene II'. Except for corrections of wrong fount, the insertion of a few stops, and an emendation of Gifford's in line 31, we have left the text as we found it.

There are no variants except in the editorial note at the end, printed at first 'Left unfinished' and afterwards expanded to 'Hee dy'd, and left it unfinished'. That this is the later form of the note is shown by the irregular printing of the words 'Hee dy'd, and left it', which are not in line with 'unfinished'. The suggestion that this fragment was, as Gifford quoting Cartwright called it, 'the last draught of Jonson's quill', is impossible: it is clearly early work.

The fragment appears, of course, in all the later editions of Jonson, but a quaint use was made of it in an amusing publication, *An Ode to the Pretender. Humbly Inscrib'd to Mr. Lesley and Mr. Pope. To which is Added Earl Mortimer's Fall. Splendidè Mendax. Hor. Printed for Mark*

Foster, in Fetter-lane. 1713. (Price Six-pence.) 'Mortimer His Fall' fills pages 15 to 19 with this 'Advertisement' on page 16: *The Following SCENE not being very Common, and having in it Something Extraordinary, the Reader may if he pleases find it in a Play left imperfect by Ben Johnson, called, MORTIMER, HIS FALL. MORTIMER is Introduced with this SOLILOQUY.* Mortimer's opening speech is then quoted. *Earl Mortimer's Speech*, without author's name, date or imprint, had also been issued as a broadside, evidently for the benefit of Robert Harley when he was raised to the peerage as Earl of Oxford and Earl Mortimer on 23 May 1711.

MORTIMER
HIS
FALL.

A
TRAGEDIE,
VVITTEN
BY
BEN. IOHNSON.

HOR. in Art. Poëtic.

Et docuit magnumq; loqui, nitiq; cothurno.

Printed M.DC.XL.

The title-page in the Folio.

The Persons Names.

MORTIMER.	Earle of <i>March</i> .	
ISABEL.	Queene Mother.	
ADAM D'ORLTON	B. of <i>Worc'ter</i> .	
CHORUS.	Of Ladies, Knights, and Squires, ⟨Country Justices and their Wives⟩.	
EDWARD. 3.	K. of <i>England</i> .	5
JOHN, the K. Brother.	Earle of <i>Cornwall</i> .	
HEN. the K. Cosin.	Earle of <i>Lancaster</i> .	
W. MOUNTACUTE.	K. Servant.	
RO. D'ELAND.	Const. of <i>Nott</i> . Castle.	
NUNCIUS.	Or a Herald.	10

THE PERSONS] 3 Squires,] Squires. F 6, 7 K.] K's. F3

Arguments.

T*He first Act comprehends Mortimers pride and securitie, rayased to the degree of an Earle, by the Queenes favour, and love ; with the Counsell of Adam D'orlton, the politique B. of Worc'ter, against Lancaster.*

5 The Chorus of Ladyes, celebrating the worthinesse of the Queene; in rewarding *Mortimers* services, and the Bishops.

The second Act shewes the Kings love, and respect to his Mother, that will heare nothing against Mortimers greatnesse, or beleeeve any report of her extraordinary favours to him, but imputes all to his Cosin Lancasters envie ; and commands there-after, an utter silence of those matters.

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The Chorus of Courtiers, celebrating the Kings worthinesse of Nature, and Affection to his Mother, who will heare nothing, that may trench upon her honour, though deliver'd by his Kinsman, of such neerenesse, and thereby take occasion to extoll the Kings pietie, and their owne happinesse under such a King.

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The third Act relates (by the occasion of a vision, the blind Earle of L. had) to the Kings Brother E. of Cornwall, the horror of their Fathers death, and the cunning making away of their Uncle, the Earle of K. by Mortimers hired practise.

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The Chorus of Countrey Justices, and their Wives, telling how they were deluded, and made beleeeve, the old King liv'd, by the shew of him in *Corfe* Castle ; and how they saw him eat, and use his knife, like the old King, &c. with the description of the feigned Lights, and Masques there, that deceiv'd 'hem, all which came from the Court.

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The fourth Act expresseth by conference betweene the K. and his Brother a change, and intention to explore the truth of those reports, and a charge of employing W. Montacute, to

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get the keyes of the Castle of Nott. into the K. power, and draw the Constable, Sir Rob. D'Eland, to their party.

Mortimers securitie, scorne of the Nobilitie, too much familiaritie with the Queene, related by the Chorus, the report of the 35 Kings surprizing him in his Mothers bed-chamber, a generall gladnesse, his being sent to execution.

The fifth Act, the Earle of Lancasters following the crie, and meeting the report. The Celebration of the Kings Justice.

ARGUMENTS] 35 Chorus, *the*] Chorus. The F3 36 -chamber, a]
-chamber : A F3 37 gladnesse, his] Gladness : His F3

MORTIMER

HIS

FALL.

Act I.

⟨Scene I.⟩

MORTIMER.

- THIS Rise is made, yet! and we now stand, ranck'd,
 To view about us, all that were above us!
 Nought hinders now our prospect, all are even,
 We walke upon a Levell. *Mortimer*
- 5 Is a great Lord of late, and a new thing!—
 A Prince, an Earle, and Cosin to the King
 At what a divers price, doe divers men
 Act the same things! Another might have had
 Perhaps the Hurdle, or at least the Axe,
- 10 For what I have, this Crownet, Robes, and Waxe.
 There is a Fate, that flies with trowing spirits
 Home to the marke, and never checks at conscience.
 Poore plodding Priests, and preaching Friars may make
 Their hollow Pulpits, and the empty Iles
- 15 Of Churches ring with that round word: But wee
 That draw the subtile, and more piercing ayre,
 In that sublimed region of Court,
 Know all is good, we make so, and goe on,
 Secur'd by the prosperity of our crimes.
- 20 To day, is *Mortimer* made Earle of *March*.

ACT I] SCENE I. | *The Palace. G* 6 *In the margin in italic,*
F: W placed it in the text. King I] King. F 10 have,] have F
 17 Court] a court W 18 on,] on F

For what? For that, the very thinking it
Would make a Citizen start! some politique Tradesman
Curle with the Caution of a Constable!
But I, who am no common Councell man,
Knew, injuries of that darke nature done 25
Were to be throughly done, and not be left
To feare of a revenge. They're light offences
Which admit that. The great ones get above it.
Man doth not nurse a deadlier peece of follie
To his high temper, and brave soule, then that 30
Of fancying goodnesse, and a scale to live by
So differing from mans life. As if with Lyons,
Beares, Tigers, Wolves, and all those beasts of Prey,
He would affect to be a Sheepe! Can man
Neglect what is, so, to attaine what should be, 35
As rather he will call on his owne ruine,
Then worke t^o'assure his safetie? I should thinke
When 'mongst a world of bad, none can be good,
(I meane so absolutely good, and perfect,
As our religious Confessors would have us) 40
It is enough, we doe decline the rumour
Of doing monstrous things: And, yet, if those
Were of emolument, unto our ends,
Even of those, the wiseman will make friends
For all the brand, and safely doe the ill, 45
As Usurers rob, or our Physicians kill.

⟨Scene II.⟩

ISABEL. MORTIMER.

My Lord! sweet *Mortimer*! MOR. My Q. my Mistresse!
My Sovereigne! nay, my Goddess! and my *Juno*!
What name, or title, as a marke of Power
Upon me, should I give you? ISA. *Isabel*, 50
Your *Isabel*, and you my *Mortimer*:

Which are the markes of Paritie, not power,
And these are titles, best become our love.

MOR. Can you fall under those? ISA. Yes, and be happie.

- 55 Walke forth, my lov'd, and gentle *Mortimer*,
And let my longing eyes enjoy their feast,
And fill of thee ; my faire-shap'd, God-like man :
Thou art a banquet unto all my Senses ;
Thy forme doth feast mine eye, thy voyce mine eare,
60 Thy breath, my smell, thy every kisse my taste ;
And softnesse of thy skin, my very touch :
As if I felt it dactile through my blood.
I ne're was reconciled to these robes,
This garbe of *England*, till I saw thee in them.
65 Thou mak'st, they seem not boistrous, nor rude,
Like my rough haughty Lords *de Engle-terre*,
With whom I have so many yeares beene troubled.

MOR. But now redeem'd, and set at libertie,
Queene of your selfe, and them.

Hee dy'd, and left it unfinished.

1. ii. 52 power,] power *F* 62 dactile *F* : ductile *W* conj : tactile
also suggested by the *Oxford Dictionary* After 69 Hee . . . unfinished
corr. *F* : Left unfinished *F* originally

I

THE EARLY ENTERTAINMENTS

1603-1607

THE KING'S ENTERTAINMENT,
A PANEGYRE, and THE ENTER-
TAINMENT AT ALTHORPE

THE TEXT

Ben Jonson's *Part of the King's Entertainment in passing to his Coronation* on 15 March 1604, his *Panegyre* on the King's opening of Parliament four days later, and the *Entertainment of the Queen and Prince at Althorp* in 1603 were originally published together.¹ Only *The King's Entertainment* was entered on the Stationers' Register. Edward Blount, the publisher, registered it on 19 March 1604 along with another book.

Edward Blount. Item by like Authortie [i.e. by Pasfield and the Wardens] entred for his copy. A part of the kinges Maiesties right royall and magnificent Entertainment through his honorable city of London the 15 of marche 1603 So muche as was presented in the first and Last of their Triumphall Arches. With a speach made for the presentacōn in the Strond² erected at the charges of the lordes Knightes gentlemen and other thinhabitantes of the City of Westminster with the liberties of the Duchie of Lancaster both done by Beniamin Iohnson. vj^d

Arber, *Transcript*, III. 254

The work is really in two parts, the first containing *The King's Entertainment* and the *Panegyre*, the second containing *The Entertainment at Althorpe*. The title-page specifies *The King's Entertainment* and the *Panegyre*, but refers vaguely to the Althorp show as 'other Additions'. The half-title to this second part shows that it was supplementary: there is no author's name and no imprint. That Jonson intended it to go with the first part is shown by the final note in the Quarto, afterwards cancelled, in which he stated that 'the Author hath suffered' the entertainment 'to come out, . . . and not here vnneccessarily adioyned, being performed to the same Queene & Prince'.

¹ Throughout this introduction we have been deeply indebted to Dr. W. W. Greg for new facts and elucidations which he has generously communicated to us.

² i.e. Strand. Arber prints 'second'.

Part II is paged, with B 4 recto numbered page 13. But at first pages 1, 4, and 5 were left unnumbered; when the numbers were inserted, page 4 was at first numbered page 6 this was finally adjusted.

The normal collation of the Quarto—A to E in fours, with two leaves of F—is in detail: Part I, *The King's Entertainment*: A 1, the title-page; A 2 to E 1 recto, the text; E 1 verso blank; E 2 recto, the half-title of the *Panegyre*, with the verso blank; E 3 to F 1 recto, the text; F 2 blank. In Part II, *The Entertainment at Althorpe*, the signatures begin again: A 1 recto, the half-title, with the verso blank; A 2 to B 4 recto, the text; B 4 verso blank. There is no running-title.

But in Part I, A 1 is not conjugate with A 4, and a copy was sold at Sotheby's on 13 March 1913 with two preliminary leaves, the first blank, the second containing the title; and also with A 1 and F 2 blank. Additional evidence¹ is found in two surviving fragments. One, taken from a binding, is in the Cambridge University Library: it was originally a whole sheet, consisting of the two preliminary leaves and the two leaves of F, with the title-page defective, F 2 intact, and a part of the two blank leaves. Similarly the Douce fragment in the Bodleian, with press-mark e. 42 (30***) has the preliminary blank leaf and the title-page. The blank leaf F 2 is found in the British Museum, Bodleian, and Dyce copies, and in the copy at All Souls College, Oxford. We should have expected the blank A 1 to be cut off, and a title-page for *The King's Entertainment* and the *Panegyre* to be substituted. The copy for these was sent to the printer and duly registered. The decision to print *The Althorpe Entertainment*, which had taken place six months earlier, was an afterthought.

The printer, whose initials only are on the title-page, was Valentine Simmes. He probably printed the whole volume. The ornamental headpiece of the *Panegyre* on E 2 also appears as the headpiece of *The Althorpe Entertainment*.

¹ Communicated by Dr. Greg.

What appears to be the title-page of a manuscript copy of the *Panegyre* sent by Jonson to King James is preserved in Royal MS. 17 B. xxxi of the British Museum as the dedication to a manuscript of *The Masque of Blackness*.¹ Framed within a two-line border similar to that of the text of the masque is this inscription :

THE
Teares of the Howers
IVSTICE. PEACE. & LAWE.
wept
into the bosome of
the best K.
Mutare dominum non potest liber notus.
1604.

The reference to Themis and her daughters Dice, Eunomia, and Irene in lines 20–9 of the *Panegyre* and the date 1604 make it clear that this leaf is a fragment misplaced in binding up the manuscript of the masque; the text which originally went with it has been lost.

The following copies of the Quarto have been collated :

Three copies in the British Museum, two complete copies with press-marks C.34.b.20 and C.39.d.1 (marked A 1 and A 2 in the list below) ; and the Grenville copy of Part II, G 11210 (marked A 3) ;

The Gough copy of Part I in the Bodleian, and the Malone copy of Part II (B) ;²

Two complete copies in the Guildhall Library of the City of London, one formerly the Huth copy (C1) and the other C 2 ;

The complete copy in the Library of All Souls College, Oxford (D) ;

The copy of Part I in the Library of Trinity College, Cambridge (E) ;

¹ See p. 164.

² The copy of Part I is inscribed in an Italian hand, 'for m^r Will Cauendish' who was created Baron Cavendish of Hardwicke in the following year, and Earl of Devonshire in 1618; the hand does not appear to be Jonson's.

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The copy of Part I in the Rylands Library, Manchester (F) ;

The complete copy in the Dyce Library at South Kensington (G) ;

The late T. J. Wise's copy (H).

PART I

The following variants have been found in these copies : in the critical apparatus only the actual changes of the text are recorded.

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|-----------------------|-------|---|---|
| Sig. A 2 ^r | 7 | <i>mira constantia</i> A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F, G | <i>mirā constantiā</i> B, H |
| | 9 | <i>copia</i> A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F, G | <i>copiā</i> B, H |
| | 20 | <i>Hyperbole</i> A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F, G | <i>Hyperbole</i> B, H |
| Sig. A 2 ^v | 26 | aboue-mentioned Title of <i>C 1 and 2, D</i> | aboue mentioned Title of <i>A 1 and 2, B, E, F, G, H</i> |
| | 27 | the Kings Chamber <i>C 1 and 2, D</i>
and therefore heere, <i>C 1 and 2, D</i> | the Kings Chamber A 1 and 2, B, E, F, G, H
and there- fore heere <i>A 1 and 2, B, E, F, G, H</i> |
| | 28 | Empire : for, <i>C 1 and 2, D</i> | Em- pire : for, <i>A 1 and 2, B, E, F, G, H</i> |
| | 29 | Kingdome Maister <i>C 1 and 2, D</i> | King- dome M. <i>A 1 and 2, B, E, F, G, H</i> |
| | 35 | shields through them : <i>C 1 and 2, D</i> | shields thorow them ; <i>A 1 and 2, B, E, F, G, H</i> |
| | 38 | <i>Ireland</i> : <i>C 1 and 2, D</i> | <i>Ireland.</i> A 1 and 2, B, E, F, G, H |
| | 49-50 | * <i>Virg.</i> — <i>Et penitus</i> <i>C 1 and 2, D</i> | And <i>Virg.</i>
— <i>Et penitus</i> centred in A 1 and 2, B, E, F, G, H |
| | 52-3 | The Shields their precedence and distinctions. At her feete was set <i>C 1 and 2, D</i> | The Shieldes the precedence of the Countries and their distincti- ons. At her feete was set <i>A 1 and 2, B, E, F, G, H</i> |

- 54-6 THEOSOPHIA, | or *Divine wisdom*, al in white, a blew mantle seeded | with Stars, a crowne of Stars vpon hir head ; hir gar | *C 1 and 2, D with catchword 'ments'*
- Sig. A 3^r 56 head ; hir gar | *C 1 and 2, D* 57 Cleerensse : *C 1 and 2, D* 58-9 Doue ; . . . Serpent ; *C 1 and 2, D* 60 note Matth. 10. 16. *ranged with 'Doue', l. 58. A 1 and 2, F, G* 63 note Prou. 8. 15. *ranged with 'word', l. 62. A 1 and 2, F, G* 69 note *Antiqui* . . . ranged with the 'white' line below 'GENIVS VRBIS' *C 1 and 2, D* 69 rerum existi- | marūt Deum : | et vrbib. quam | *A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F, G*
- Sig. A 3^v 102 The Riuer *indented in A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E* the Ci- | ty ; in *A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F, G*
- Sig. A 4^r 134 And in another place *centred in A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F, G*
- Sig. A 4^v 161 note Æne. 1 above 'QVA . . . PORTA' *C 1 and 2, D* 162 winde, *C 1 and 2, D* 163 note Æne. 1 *ranged with 'Taken' C 1 and 2, D* 164 porta, *C 1 and 2, D*
- Sig. B 3^r 286 note 'c'. *ab vrbe A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F*
- THEOSOPHIA, *A 1 and 2, B, E, F, G, H with catchword 'or', and two lines taken over to A 3 recto. To adjust the page, the printer took out the 'white' lines above and below 'GENIVS VRBIS', l. 69* head. Hir gar- | *A 1 and 2, B, E, F, G, H* Cleerensse. *A 1 and 2, B, E, F, G, H* Doue, . . . Serpent : *A 1 and 2, B, E, F, G, H* Ranged with 'Estote', 1. 60. *B, C 1 and 2, D, E, G, H* Ranged with 'PERME' 1. 63. *B, C 1 and 2, D, E, G, H* Ranged above 'GENIVS VRBIS' *between ll. 68 and 69. A 1 and 2, B, E, F, G, H* rerū existima- | runt Deum : & | tam vrbib. quā | *B, H* No paragraph in *B, H* the City ; | in *B, H* Begins the line in *B, H* Ranged with 'QVA . . . PORTA' *A 1 and 2, B, E, F, G, H* winde ; *A 1 and 2, B, E, F, G, H* Between ll. 161 and 162 *A 1 and 2, B, E, F, G, H* porta *A 1 and 2, B, E, F, G, H* ab vrbo *B, H*

289 note 'e' <i>Cressa . . . nota</i> A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F	<i>Cressâ . . . notâ</i> B, H
Sig. B 4 ^r 327 note 'a' chief Serieant A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F	chiefe Serieant B, H
329 note 'b' some particu- lar allusion to his name, which is <i>Be-</i> <i>net</i> , and hath (no doubt) in time bin the A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F	some particular allu- sion to his Name, which is <i>Benet</i> , and hath (no doubt) in time bin the B, H
341 note 'e' persons A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F	Persons B, H
Humanitie, & in frequent vse with all the Greek A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F	Humanitie, and in fre- quent vse with all the Greeke B, H

On this page the notes have been reset, probably owing to a derangement of the type. The original setting is neater and has the lines more evenly balanced.

Sig. B 4 ^v 349 note 'f' <i>Lactant.</i> A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, F	<i>Luctatius</i> ¹ B, E, G, H
354 note 'g' To the A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, F	*To the B, E, G, H
And A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, F	*And B, E, G, H
364 <i>With those</i> A 2, C 2	<i>With</i> (e) <i>those</i> the rest
364 final note* <i>Charles . . . Eliza-</i> <i>beth.</i> not in A 2, C 2	<i>Inserted in the rest</i>
Sig. C 1 ^r 386 <i>vocabant</i> ; A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F	<i>vocabant</i> ² B, H
Sig. C 1 ^v 389 note * Abb. in <i>deorum</i> <i>imag.</i> A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F	Alb. in <i>deorum</i> ³ B, H
391 <i>Winter</i> ,) . . . abscribe A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F	<i>Winter</i> , . . . abscribe B, H

Signature C 2 recto has some fine adjustments of the type, particularly of the long italic *f*, but the page does not appear

¹ A miscorrection for '*Lactantius*'.

² Probably the printer was directed to take out the semicolon and substitute a period as in the Folio text.

³ The reference is to *Albricus de imaginibus deorum* appended to *Fenestella de Romanorum Magistratibus*, Rome 1490? and frequently reprinted. Jonson used one of the later editions appended with other mythological tracts to Hyginus' *Fabulae*, 1549, 1570, and 1578. The printer corrected 'Abb.' to 'Alb.' and accidentally dropped the last word of the note '*imag.*' This Latinless '*in deorum*' is found in all the folios and in all the modern editions, including Gifford's.

to have been reset. A crooked specimen, looking more like a bracket than an s in *se* (line 7 of the Quarto) was removed; the same change was made in 'sanguine' in *The Alchemist*, II. iv. 11. We note two changes on this page: in the second the wrong spacing of '*Iur andas*' was not corrected.

- Sig. C 2^r 422 *sanguineā*, A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F, G *sanguineā* B, H
 426 *Iur andasq*, A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F, G *Iur andasq* B, H
- Sig. C 2^v 437 note him A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F, G him. B, H
 446 IN NVMERIS A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F, G INNVMERIS B, H
 447 note Sil. Ital. A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F, G *Dropped one line lower in*
B, H
 451 Tryumphes A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F, G Triumphes B, H
 455 first handmaid with the type first handmaide with the
disordered in A 1 and 2, *type adjusted in B, H*
C 1 and 2, D, E, F, G
- Sig. C 3^r 460 Rest; A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F, G Rest: B, H
 468 *mandataq*, A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F, G *mandataq* B, H
 469 *Imperiosa* A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F, G *Imperioso*¹ B, H
- Sig. C 3^v 490 was. A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F, G was B, H
 495 Medecine: A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F, G Medicine: ² B, H
- Sig. C 4^r 514 *Coruncopia* A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F, G *Cornucopia* B, H
- Sig. C 4^v 532 POSSIMVS A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F, G POSCIMVS B, H
- Sig. D 1^r 547 note 'd' *Flamines dicti* A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F, G *Filamines dicti*³ B, H
 548 note 'e' Whichin A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F, G Which in B, H
 551 note 'f' *pone* A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E, F, G *ponē* B, H

¹ A glaring blunder, perhaps due to some upsetting of the type.

² This wrong-fount colon is reproduced in the 1616 Folio.

³ A blundering alteration due to the preceding word '*filo*'.

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Sig. D 1 ^v	567	<i>Calender F</i>	<i>Kalender the rest</i>
	569	<i>feast ; F</i>	<i>feast the rest</i>
	570	note 'c' <i>penurie, F</i>	<i>penurie : the rest</i>
	570	<i>PERENVA F</i>	<i>PERENNA the rest</i>
		<i>guest ; A 1 and 2, C 1 and 2, D, E</i>	<i>guest B, H</i>
Sig. D 2 ^r	590	c.w. <i>Whose F</i>	<i>Who the rest</i> ¹
	593	<i>His and F</i>	<i>His, and the rest</i>
	612	<i>sence F</i>	<i>cense the rest</i>
	616	<i>the Masculine F</i>	<i>thy Masculine the rest</i>
	616	note 'e' <i>pependi F</i>	<i>pependit the rest</i>
Sig. E 1 ^v	617	c.w. <i>That F</i>	<i>My the rest</i> ²
	758	<i>sing C 2</i>	<i>sing, the rest</i>

PART II

Many of the variants are not a press-correction, but a resetting. The inner forme of A has been reset ; the outer forme corresponds exactly, except for one correction in the note on 140—'given' for 'giueu'—which might have been made by a compositor. In the outer forme of B, B 1 recto and B 2 verso have been reset ; so possibly B 3 recto. In the inner forme B 1 verso has been reset, but the changes elsewhere may be only press corrections.

Sig. A 2 ^r		<i>Page unnumbered in A 3, C 2, D</i>	<i>Numbered '1' in A 1 and 2, B, C 1, G, H</i>
	5	<i>Wood, wondring A 1 and 3, B, C 1 and 2, D</i>	<i>wood, wondering A 2, G, H</i>
	10	<i>eare : A 1 and 3, B, C 1 and 2, D</i>	<i>eare. A 2, G, H</i>
	13	<i>Tree.) A 1 and 3, B, C 1 and 2, D</i>	<i>Tree.) A 2, G, H</i>
	14	<i>bee A 1 and 3, B, C 1 and 2, D</i>	<i>be A 2, G, H</i>
	16	<i>abroad A 1 and 3, B, C 1 and 2, D</i>	<i>abroade A 2, G, H</i>
	23	<i>Wood A 1 and 3, B, C 1 and 2, D</i>	<i>wood A 2, G, H</i>

¹ The printer originally printed l. 59 'Whose strong . . . defac'd' as the last line on D 1 verso ; Jonson's notes forced him to carry it over to D 2 recto.

² Here again the printer was forced to take over the line 'My Citties heart . . .' to D 2 verso, owing to the readjustment he had already made on the previous page.

	23	<i>The signature A 2 under 'again' in A 1 and 3, B, C 1 and 2, D</i>	The signature A 2 under 'wood' in A 2, G, H
Sig. A 3 ^v	23	<i>Page unnumbered in A 3, C 2, D</i>	Mispaged '6' in A 1, B, C 1. Corrected to '4' in A 2, G, H
	80	<i>note* following, A 3, C 2, D</i>	following. A 1, B, C 1 following. A 2, G, H
	81	<i>Banquet; A 1 and 3, B, C 1 and 2, D</i>	Banquet: A 2, G, H
	84	<i>her; A 1 and 3, B, C 1 and 2, D</i>	her: A 2, G, H
	86	<i>knowne A 1 and 3, B, C 1 and 2, D</i>	known A 2, G, H
	88	<i>'Mistres' indented, and the speeches of lines 89 and 90 pushed out to the left in A 1 and 3, B, C 1 and 2, D</i>	Ranged evenly with the rest of the page in A 2, G, H
		<i>spight; A 1 and 3, B, C 1 and 2, D</i>	spight: A 2, G, H
	89	<i>yesternight A 1 and 3, B, C 1 and 2, D</i>	yester-night A 2, G, H
	91	<i>And A 1 and 3, B, C 1 and 2, D</i>	And A 2, G, H
	94	<i>him. and A 1 and 3, B, C 1 and 2, D</i>	him, and A 2, G, H
	99	<i>Mab A 1 and 3, C 1 and 2, D</i>	Mab A 2, G, H
	101	<i>away A 1 and 3, C 1 and 2, D</i>	awaye A 2, G, H
Sig. A 4 ^r	103	<i>Page unnumbered in A 3, C 2, D</i>	Numbered '5' in A 1 and 2, B, C 1, G, H
		<i>FAERY A 1 and 3, B, C 1 and 2, D</i>	SATYRE A 2, G, H (but with the catchword 'FAE.' on A 3 verso)
	105	<i>with A 1 and 3, B, C 1 and 2, D</i>	with A 2, G, H
	106	<i>plaine: A 1 and 3, B, C 1 and 2, D</i>	plaine: A 2, G, H
	109	<i>sing. A 1 and 3, B, C 1 and 2, D</i>	sing. A 2, G, H
	111	<i>Orianas A 1 and 3, B, C 1 and 2, D</i>	Oranas A 2, G, H
113, 114		<i>Lines 1 and 2 of the Song centred in A 1 and 3, B, C 1 and 2, D</i>	The large initial 'T' ranged with the preceding lines of the text under the 'Or-' of 'Oranas' in A 2, G, H
	114	<i>she A 1 and 3, B, C 1 and 2, D</i>	shee A 2, G, H
	119	<i>note Note * just above l. 119 in A 1 and 3, B, C 1 and 2, D</i>	Ranged with l. 118 in A 2, G, H

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	119 note	Kingdoms. <i>A 1 and 3, B, C 1, H</i>	Kingdoms <i>C 2, D</i>
	125	FAERY <i>A 1 and 3, B, C 1 and 2, D</i>	FAEKY <i>A 2, G, H</i>
	127	<i>The signature A 4 under 'to' in A 1 and 3, B, C 1 and 2, D</i>	<i>Under 'guift' in A 2, G, H</i>
Sig. A 4 ^v	140 note*	giueu <i>A 2 and 3, C 2, D, G, H</i>	giuen <i>A 1, B, C 1</i>
Sig. B 1 ^r	153	Satire . . . <i>himselfe a- gaine C 2</i>	Satyre . . . <i>himselfe againe the rest</i>
	154	SATIRE <i>C 2</i>	SATYRE <i>the rest</i>
	159	here hee <i>C 2</i>	heere he <i>the rest</i>
	162	sauadge? <i>C 2</i>	sauadge? <i>the rest</i>
		esteemed. <i>C 2</i>	esteemed, <i>the rest</i>
	163	Entertayner <i>C 2</i>	Entertainer <i>the rest</i>
	165	fauors <i>C 2</i>	sauors <i>the rest</i>
	166	sauors. <i>C 2</i>	sauors <i>the rest</i>
	168	Courtiery, <i>C 2</i>	Courtiery; <i>the rest</i>
	169	kisses. <i>C 2</i>	kisses, <i>the rest</i>
	170	oth <i>C 2</i>	oath <i>the rest</i>
	173	preserue <i>C 2</i>	preferre <i>the rest</i>
Sig. B 1 ^v	179	flatter; <i>C 2</i>	flatter, <i>the rest</i>
	188	King; <i>C 2</i>	King, <i>the rest</i>
	193	neglected: <i>C 2</i>	neglected: <i>the rest</i>
	198 note	<i>The note ends just below the last line (= l. 205). The last word is 'Hunts- mā.' in C 2</i>	<i>The note ends just above the last line. The last word is 'Huntsman.' in the rest.</i>
	205	boldnesse; <i>C 2</i>	boldnesse, <i>the rest</i>
Sig. B 2 ^v	233	rested; <i>C 2</i>	rested, <i>the rest</i>
	236	themselues; <i>C 2</i>	themselues, <i>the rest</i>
	237	speach <i>C 2</i>	Speaker <i>the rest</i>
		heard <i>C 2</i>	hard <i>the rest</i>
	238	speach, <i>C 2</i>	speach <i>the rest</i>
	243	Ioue; <i>C 2</i>	Ioue, <i>the rest</i>
	246, 247	And, . . . in. <i>C 2</i>	(And, . . . in) <i>the rest</i>
	248	all, <i>C 2</i>	all, <i>the rest</i>
	256	things . . . suspicion: <i>C 2</i>	Things . . . suspicion <i>the rest</i>
Sig. B 3 ^r	263	Holmby: <i>C 2</i>	Holmby: <i>the rest</i>
	282	woman <i>C 2</i>	womam <i>the rest</i>
Sig. B 3 ^v	292-3	was pre- sented to haue beene <i>C 2</i>	was to haue beene pre- sented <i>the rest</i>
Sig. B 4 ^r	After 320	entertainment <i>C 2</i>	Entertainment <i>the rest</i>
		reality <i>C 2</i>	reality, <i>the rest</i>

The seven triumphal arches erected in the City were described and depicted by the architect Stephen Harrison in *THE ARCHS OF TRIVMPH Erected in honor of the High and mighty prince James. The first of that name. King of England, and sixt of Scotland. at his Maiesties Entrance and passage through his Honorable Citty & chamber of London. vpon the 15th. day of march 1603 Invented and published by Stephen Harrison Foyner and Architect and graven by William Kip.* The colophon is: 'Imprinted at London by Iohn Windet, Printer to the Honourable Citie of London, and are to be sold at the Authors house in Lime-street, at the signe of the Snayle. 1604.' The arches at Fenchurch street and Temple-bar in these engravings—'Londinium' and the 'Temple of Janus'—are here reproduced from the beautiful copy in the Grenville collection. Jonson's verses on pages 91-4, 101-4, are printed in Harrison's book.

There was trouble over the actual performance, and over the publication and copyright of the Quarto. Dekker shared with Jonson the duty of providing speeches for the pageants at the triumphal arches erected in the King's honour as he progressed from the Tower to Westminster. Dekker published his part with the title *The Magnificent Entertainment: Given to King James, Queene Anne his wife, and Henry Frederick the Prince, . . . As well by the English as by the Strangers: With the Speeches and Songes, deliuered in the seuerall Pageants*, printed by Thomas Creede for Thomas Man the younger. It was registered on 2 April 1604, and went into a second edition, printed for Man by Allde, and entitled *The Whole Magnifycent Entertainment*, with a translation of the Latin speeches composed for the Italians and the Dutchmen. Dekker printed his own verses and the official speeches, but gave only a summary notice of the two arches for which Jonson was responsible, did not mention his name, and of course did not quote his verses.

Both Jonson's and Dekker's quartos were regularly entered on the Stationers' Register. In view of Jonson's merciless satire on Dekker in *Poetaster*, co-operation between

them was unlikely, and it was natural that their contributions to the *Entertainment* should be published separately. But Court-book C 3^b of the Stationers' Company has this entry¹ on 14 May 1604 :

Edw. Blunt Tho. Man Iun' ffor thendinge of the controu'sie betwene them about the booke of the pageantꝝ yt is ordered that Edw Blunt shall delyu' all his Remayno^r thereof (w^{ch} he saieth are 400) to Tho man. Receavinge of hym vj^s for euery Reame thereof. W^{ch} yt is ordered the said Tho man shall pay vnto hym

No explanation can be offered of this extraordinary entry. It is difficult to see how Blunt could have infringed Man's rights. Blunt had carefully specified in his entry that it was 'a part' only of the *Entertainment*, 'So much as was presented in the first and last of their triumphal arches'. Man, on the other hand, registered 'the magnificent Entertainement' as a whole, and reprinted it as *The Whole Magnifycent Entertainment*, probably after the impounding of Blunt's stock. As Blunt had four hundred copies remaining on May 14, he probably printed five hundred. Dekker, it may be noted, had written a pageant for a first triumphal arch, which was not erected, at Bishopsgate; he had made the Genius of the City a woman, 'contrary to the opinion of all the Doctors', and was satirical about cutting up 'pairs of Latin sheets' to make a garment—a practice 'common amongst Schollers'.² Did Jonson supplant him in the first pageant? The excuse that the King's route was changed seems hardly adequate. Jonson privately told William Drummond that Dekker was a 'rogue'.³ No proof, of course, was given; to Jonson the gibes in *Satiromastix* would be ample vindication—for instance, 'you nastie Tor-tois, you and your Itchy Poetry brake out like Christmas, but once a yeare'⁴—but was he thinking of the fate of his quarto? It may be more pertinent to note that Thomas

¹ Communicated by Dr. Greg.

² *The Magnificent Entertainment*, sig. A 4 verso.

³ See vol. i, p. 133.

⁴ Sig. L 3 verso.

Man the elder, who was in partnership with his son, was elected master of the Stationers' Company in 1604. The injunction would not apply to *The Althorpe Entertainment*, which is found separately from the first part.

Whatever the explanation may be, the two parts were reprinted from the Quarto in the Folio of 1616, where they head the group of royal entertainments and come between *The Forest* and the *Masques at Court*. Part I has such gross errors in the Latin that Jonson cannot have read the proofs. For example, '*precipitem*' and '*deplectendo*' (for '*de plec-tendo*') disfigure the note on line 83, and '*in deorum*' the note on line 389; the *Epigrams* of Martial are converted into '*Epistles*' in lines 381, 405, 506, where the Quarto had '*Epi.*'; and the misspellings '*PVLCHERIMÆ*', '*FVNES-SIMAM*' are taken over from the Quarto in the inscription on the altar of Janus (ll. 656, 662). Even if Jonson wearied of well-doing after correcting the plays, he ought not to have left Latin to the printer. But the small type of the cramped marginal notes—we speak from experience—makes the task no light one.

In Part II the Folio was printed from a copy in which the inner forme of A, B 1 recto and verso, and B 2 verso, were reset. In lines 103, 111, it copied the blunders '*SATYRE*' for '*FAERY*' and '*ORANAS*' for '*ORIANAS*', but it got the correct readings '*preferre*' for '*preserue*' and '*Speaker*' for '*speach*' in lines 173, 237.

Gifford renamed the Althorpe entertainment '*The Satyr.*'

B. 70 N:
 HIS PART OF⁷
*King James his Royall and Magnifi-
 cent Entertainment through his
 Honorable Cittie of London,
 Thursday the 15. of
 March. 1603.*

So much as was presented in the first and last of
 their Triumphall Arch's.

With his speech made to the last Presentation, in the
*Strand, erected by the inhabitants of the Dutchy,
 and Westminster.*

Also, a briefe *Panegyre* of his Maiesties first and well
auspicated entrance to his high Court of Parliament,
 on Monday, the 19. of the same
 Month.

With other Additions.

Mart. *Quando magis dignos licuit spectare triumphos.*



Printed at London by V.S. for
 Edward Blount, 1604.

The title-page in the Quarto

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PART OF THE
KINGS
ENTERTAINMENT
IN PASSING TO
his
Coronation.

The Author B. I.

MART.

Quando magis dignos licuit spectare triumphos!

L O N D O N,

M. DC. XVI.

The title-page in the Folio of 1616: in the Folio of 1640 with
Richard Bishop's device (McKerrow, 292) and imprint.

At Fen-Church.

THE *Scene* presented it selfe in a square and flat vpright,
like to the side of a Citie: the top thereof, about the
Vent, and Crest, adorn'd with houses, towres, and steeples,
set off in prospectiue. Vpon the battlements in a great
capitall letter was inscribed,

5

LONDINIVM:

According to TACITVS: *At SVETONIVS mirâ constantiâ, medios inter hosteis Londinium perrexit, cognomento quidem Coloniae non insigne, sed copiâ Negotiatorum, & com- meatu maxime celebre.* Beneath that, in a lesse and different
character, was written

CAMERA REGIA,

Which title immediately after the *Norman* conquest it
began to haue; and by the indulgence of succeeding
Princes, hath beene hitherto continued. In the Freeze ouer
the gate, it seemeth to speake this verse:

PAR DOMVS HÆC COELO,
SED MINOR EST DOMINO.

Taken out of MARTIAL, and implying, that though this
citie (for the state, and magnificence) might (by *Hyperbole*)
be said to touch the starres, and reach vp to heauen, yet
was it farre inferior to the master thereof, who was his
Maiestie; and in that respect vnworthy to receiue him.
The highest person aduanc'd therein, was

MONARCHIA BRITANNICA, 25

and fitly: applying to the aboue mentioned title of the
citie, THE KINGS CHAMBER, and therefore here placed

At Fen-Church. | The *Scene* presented] The Pegme at Fen-church |
Presented Q 7 *mirâ constantiâ*] *mira constantia* Q originally
9 *copiâ*] *copia* Q originally 17 COELO] CELO F2 20 *Hyper-*
bole] *Hyperbole* O originally 22 master] Maister Q

84 *Part of the Kings entertainment,*

as in the proper seate of the empire: for, so the glorie and
Brit. 367. light of our kingdome M. C A M D E N, speaking of London,
 30 saith, shee is, *totius Britanniae Epitome, Britanniciq;
 Imperij sedes, Regumq; Angliæ Camera, tantum inter om-
 neis eminet, quantum (ut ait ille) inter viburna Cupressus.*
 Shee was a woman, richly attyr'd, in cloth of gold and
 tissue; a rich mantle; ouer her state two crownes hanging,
 35 with pensile shields thorow them; the one lim'd with the
 particular coate of *England*, the other of *Scotland*: on either
 side also a crowne, with the like Scutchions, and peculiar
 coates of *France*, and *Ireland*. In her hand shee holds a
 scepter; on her head a fillet of gold, inter-wouen with
 40 palme and lawrell; her hayre bound into foure seuerall
 points, descending from her crownes; and in her lap a little
 globe, inscrib'd vpon

ORBIS BRITANNICVS.

And beneath, the word

45 *DIVISVS AB ORBE.*

To shew, that this empire is a world diuided from the world,
 and alluding to that of * C L A V.

*De Mallij
 Theodor. cons.
 Panegyri.
 Eclog. 1.*

—*Et nostro diducta Britannia mundo.*

And V I R G.

50 —*Et penitus toto diuisos orbe Britannos.*

The wreathe denotes victorie and happinesse. The scepter
 and crownes soueraignetie. The shields the precedency of
 the countries, and their distinctions. At her feet was set

THEOSOPHIA,

55 or *diuine Wisedome*, all in white, a blue mantle seeded with
 starres, a crowne of starres on her head. Her garments

28 note *Brit.* 367] *Brit.* 3. 7 F2 29 M.] Maister Q 33 woman
 ... attyr'd.] woman ... attir'd Q 35 shields thorow them; Ff:
 shields thorow them *corr.* Q: shields through them: Q *originally*
 38 *Ireland.*] *Ireland*: Q *originally* 41 and] & | and Q 47 note
Mallij] *maliij* Q, Ff 49 And *VIRG.*] And *Virg.* *corr.* Q: **Virg.* Q
originally 52-3 the precedency ... distinctions Ff: the prece-
 dency of the Countries and their distinctions *corr.* Q: their precedency
 and distinctions Q *originally* 53 her feet] the feet F2 56 head.
 Her Ff: head. Hir *corr.* Q: head; hir Q *originally*

figur'd truth, innocence, and cleerenesse. Shee was alwayes looking vp ; in her one hand shee sustayned a doue, in the other a serpent : the last to shew her subtiltie, the first her simplicitie ; alluding to that text of Scripture, *Estote ergo Matth. 10. 16. prudentes sicut serpentes, & simplices sicut columbæ.* Her word,

PER ME REGES REGNANT.

Prov. 8. 15.

Intimating, how by her, all kings doe governe, and that she is the foundation and strength of kingdomes, to which end, 65 shee was here placed, vpon a cube, at the foot of the Monarchie, as her base and stay. Directly beneath her stood

GENIVS VRBIS,

A person attyr'd rich, reuerend, and antique : his haire long and white, crowned with a wreathe of Plane tree, which is said to be *Arbor genialis* ; his mantle of purple, and buskins of that colour : He held in one hand a goblet, in the other a branch full of little twigs, to signifie increase and indulgence. His word

HIS ARMIS :

pointing to the two that supported him, whereof the one on the right hand, was

BOVLEVTES,

79

Figuring the councell of the citie, and was suted in blacke and purple ; a wreathe of * oke vpon his head ; sustayning for his ensignes, on his left arme a scarlet robe, and in his right hand the *Fasces, as tokens of magistracie, with this inscription ;

SERVARE CIVES.

Antiqui Genium omnium genendarum reru existimant Deum: & tam vrbib. quam hominib. vel cæteris rebus natum, l.l. Gre. Gy. in Synt. deor. 15. & Rosin. Antiq. Ro. l. 2. c. 14.

**Cinica corona fit è fronde querna, quoniam cibis, vicibusq. antiquissimus quercus capri solitus sit, Ros. lib. 10. cap. 27.*

a Fasciculi virgarum, intra quas obligata securis erat, sic, ut ferrum in summo fasce extaret, Ros. l. 7. c. 3. Vbi notandum est, non debere præcipitem, & solutam iram esse magistratus. Mora enim allata, & cunctatio, dum sensim virgæ solvuntur, identidem consilium mutavit de plectendo. Quando autem vitia quædam sunt corrigibilia, deplorata alia ; castigant virgæ, quod reuocari valet, immedicabile secures præcidunt, Plut. Prob. Rom. 82.

57 cleerenesse.] Cleerenesse. corr. Q : Cleernessee : Q originally 58
doue, . . . serpent :] Doue, . . . Serpent : corr. Q : Doue ; . . . Serpent ;
Q originally 69 VRBIS.] VRBIS. Q (note) tam not in Q originally
14.] 14 F 76 ARMIS :] ARMIS. Q 79 BOVLEVTES,
BOVLEVTES. Q, Fr : BOULEUTES, F2 81 oke] Oake Q (note *)
quercus] quercus F2 83 (note a) præcipitem F2 : præcipitem Q, F1
de plectendo G : deplectendo Q, Ff.

86 *Part of the Kings entertainment,*

The other on the left hand,

POLEMIVS,

The warlike force of the citie, in an antique coate, or armour,
with a target and sword ; his helme on, and crowned with
90 lawrell, implying strength and conquest : in his hand he
bore the standard of the citie, with this word,

EXTINGVERE ET HOSTEIS.

Expressing by those seuerall mots, connexed, that with
those armes of counsell and strength, the *Genius* was able
95 to extinguish the kings enemies, and preserue his citizens,
alluding to those verses in SENECA,

Octa. Act. 2. *Extinguere hostem, maxima est virtus Ducis.*

Seruare Ciues, maior est patriæ patri.

Vnder-neath these, in an Aback thrust out before the rest,
100 lay

TAMESIS,

The riuer, as running along the side of the citie ; in a skin-
coate made like flesh, naked, and blue. His mantle of sea-
greene or water colour, thin, and bolne out like a sayle ;
105 bracelets about his wrests, of willow and sedge, a crowne of
sedge and reede vpon his head, mixt with water-lillies ;
alluding to VIRGILS description of *Tyber* ;

Æn. lib. 8. — *Deus ipse loci, fluuiio Tiberinus amæno,*

Populeas inter senior se attollere frondes

110 *Visus, eum tenuis glauco velabat amictu*

Carbasus, & crineis umbrosa tegebat Arundo.

His beard, and hayre long, and ouer-growne. He leanes his
arme vpon an earthen pot, out of which, water, with liue
fishes, are seene to runne forth, and play about him. His
115 word,

FLVMINA SENSERVNT IPSA.

Amor. l. 3. A hemistich of OVIDS : The rest of the verse being,

el. 5.

— *quid esset amor.*

86 hand,] hand. Q, Ff

91 standard] standart F2

TAMESIS,] TAMESIS. Q, Ff

107 VIRGILS] Virgills Q (so l. 161)

111 Carbasus,] Carbasus. Q

87 POLEMIVS,] POLEMIVS Q

98 patriæ F2 : patriæ, Q, Ff 101

105 wrests] wreasts. Q

110 Visus,] Visus. Q

118 amor. F2 : amor Q, Ff

Affirming, that riuers themselues, and such inanimate creatures, haue heretofore beene made sensible of passions, ¹²⁰ and affections; and that hee, now, no lesse pertooke the ioy of his maiesties gratefull approach to this citie, than any of those persons, to whom hee pointed, which were the daughters of the *Genius*, and sixe in number: who, in a spreading ascent, vpon seuerall grices, helpe to beautifie ¹²⁵ both the sides. The first,

E V P H R O S Y N E,

or *Gladnesse*: was suted in greene, a mantle of diuers colours, embroydred with all varietie of flowres: on her head a gyrland of myrtle, in her right hand a crystall cruze ¹³⁰ fill'd with wine, in the left a cup of gold: at her feet a tymbrell, harpe, and other instruments, all ensignes of gladnesse,

Natis in vsum lætitiæ scyphis, &c.

*Hor. Car. 1.
Ode 27.*

And in another place,

Nunc est bibendum, nunc pede libero

Et Ode 37.

Pulsanda Tellus, &c.

Her word,

HÆC ÆVI MIHI PRIMA DIES.

As if this were the first houre of her life, and the minute wherein shee began to be; beholding so long coueted, and look'd for a presence. The second, ¹⁴⁰

S E B A S I S,

or *Veneratio(n)*, was varied in an ash-colour'd sute, and darke mantle, a vayle ouer her head of ash colour: her hands crost before her, and her eyes halfe closde. Her word, ¹⁴⁵

M I H I S E M P E R D E V S.

Implying both her office of reuerence, and the dignitie of her object, who being as god on earth, should neuer be lesse in her thought. The third, *Virg. Ecl. 1.*

P R O T H Y M I A,

¹⁵⁰

or *Promptitude*, was attyr'd in a short tuck't garment of

119 inanimate] intimate F2 121 hee,] hee F1 129 colours]
colors Q 133, 135 Notes in F 1 at ll. 134, 136 140 second,]
second, Q, Ff 142 Veneration F2 148 god] God Q 149
third,] third: Q: third. Ff

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flame-colour, wings at her backe; her haire bright, and bound vp with ribands; her brest open, *virago*-like; her buskins so ribanded: Shee was crowned with a chaplet of
 155 *trifoly*, to expresse readinesse, and opennesse euery way; in her right hand shee held a squirrell, as being the creature most full of life and quicknesse: in the left a close round censor, with the perfume sodainely to be vented forth at the sides. Her word,

160 *Q V A D A T A P O R T A.*

Æne. i. Taken from an other place in *VIRGIL*, where *ÆOLVS* at the command of *IVNO*, lets forth the winde;

Æne. i. ——— *ac venti velut agmine facto*

Quâ data porta ruunt, & terras turbine perflant.

165 And shew'd that shee was no lesse prepar'd with promptitude, and alacritie, then the windes were, vpon the least gate that shall be opened to his high command. The fourth,

A G R Y P N I A,

or *Vigilance*, in yellow, a sable mantle, seeded with waking
 170 eyes, and siluer fringe: her chaplet of *Heliotropium*, or turnesole; in her one hand a lampe, or cresset, in her other a bell. The lampe signified search and sight, the bell warning. The *Heliotropium* care; and respecting her obiect. Her word,

175 *S P E C V L A M V R I N O M N E I S.*

Alluding to that of *OVID*, where he describes the office of *ARGVS*.

Met. i. ——— *Ipse procul montis sublime cacumen*

Occupat, vnde sedens partes speculatur in omneis.

180 and implying the like duety of care and vigilance in her selfe. The fifth,

A G A P E,

Or *louing Affection*, in crimson fringed with golde, a mantle of flame-colour, her chaplet of red and white roses; in her

161 *ÆOLVS F2: EOLVS Q, F1*

162 winde:] winde. *Q* originally

164 *porta] portā, Q* originally

167 fourth,] fourth *Q*: fourth. *Ff*

177 *ARGVS.] Argus, Q*

183 *louing Affection] louing Affection Q*:

louing affection F1: louing Affection F2

hand a flaming heart : The flame expressed zeale, the red 185
and white roses, a mixture of simplicity with loue : her
robes freshnes and feruency. Her word,

NON SIC EXCVBIÆ.

Out of CLAVDIAN, in following.

—*Nec circumstantia pila*

Quàm tutatur amor.

*De 4. Cons.
Honor. Panegyri.*

Inferring, that though her sister before had protested watch-
fulness, and circumspection, yet no watch or guard could
be so safe to the estate, or person of a Prince, as the loue
and naturall affection of his subiects : which she in the 195
cities behalfe promised. The sixt,

OMOTHYMIA,

Or *Vnanimity* in blew, her roabe blew, and buskins. A chap-
let of blew lillies, shewing one trueth and intirenesse of
minde. In her lappe lies a sheafe of arrowes bound to- 200
gether, and she her selfe sittes weauing certaine small siluer
twists. Her word,

FIRMA CONSENSVS FACIT.

Auxilia humilia firma, &c.

Pub. Syr. Mi.

Intimating, that euen the smallest and weakest aydes, by 205
consent, are made strong : her selfe personating the
vnanimity, or consent of soule, in all inhabitants of the
city to his seruice.

¶ These are all the personages, or liue figures, whereof only
two were speakers (GENIVS and TAMESIS) the rest 210
were mutes. Other dumbe complements there were, as the
armes of the kingdome on the one side, with this inscription,

HIS VIREAS.

With these maist thou flourish.

On the other side the armes of the citie, with

215

HIS VINCAS.

With these maist thou conquer.

90 *Part of the Kings entertainment,*

In the centre, or midst of the Pegme, there was an Aback, or Square, wherein this Elogie was written:

- 220 MAXIMVS HIC REX EST, ET LVCE SERENIOR IPSA
 PRINCIPE QVAE TALEM CERNIT IN VRBE DVCEM;
 CVIVS FORTVNAM SVPERATSIC VNICA VIRTVS,
 VNVS VT IS RELIQVOS VINCIT VTRAQVE VIROS.
 PRAECEPTIS ALII POPVLOS, MVLTQVE FATIGANT
 225 LEGE; SED EXEMPLO NOS RAPIT ILLE SVO.
 CVIQVE FRVI TOTA FAS EST VXORE MARITO,
 ET SVA FAS SIMILI PIGNORA NOSSE PATRI.
 ECCE VBI PIGNORIBVS CIRCVNSTIPATA CORVSCIS
 IT COMES, ET TANTO VIX MINOR ANNA VIRO.
 230 HAVD METVS EST, REGEM POSTHAC NE PROXIMVS
 HAERES,
 NEV SVCCESOREM NON AMET ILLE SVVM.

This, and the whole frame, was couered with a curtaine of silke, painted like a thicke cloud, and at the approach of the K. was instantly to be drawne. The Allegorie being, that
 235 those clouds were gathered vpon the face of the Citie, through their long want of his most wished sight : but now, as at the rising of the Sunne, all mists were dispersed and fled. When sodainely, vpon silence made to the Musickes, a voyce was heard to vtter this verse ;

*Claud. de laud.
 Stil. lib. 3.*

Totus adest oculis, aderat qui mentibus olim,

Signifying, that he now was really objected to their eyes, who before had beene onely, but still, present in their minds.

- ¶ Thus farre the complementall part of the first ; wherein was not onely labored the expression of state and magni-
 245 ficence (as proper to a triumphall Arch) but the very site, fabricke, strength, policie, dignitie, and affections of the Citie were all laid downe to life : The nature and propertie of these Deuices being, to present alwaies some one entire bodie, or figure, consisting of distinct members, and
 250 each of those expressing it selfe, in the owne actiue spheare, yet all, with that generall harmonie so connexed, and dis-

posed, as no one little part can be missing to the illustration of the whole : where also is to be noted, that the *Symboles* vsed, are not, neither ought to be, simply *Hieroglyphickes*, *Emblemes*, or *Impreses*, but a mixed character, partaking 255 somewhat of all, and peculiarly apted to these more magnificent Inuentions : wherein, the garments and ensignes deliuer the nature of the person, and the word the present office. Neither was it becomming, or could it stand with the dignitie of these shewes (after the most miserable and 260 desperate shift of the Puppits) to require a Truch-man, or (with the ignorant Painter) one to write, *This is a Dog*; or, *This is a Hare*: but so to be presented, as vpon the view, they might, without cloud, or obscuritie, declare themselves to the sharpe and learned : And for the multitude, 265 no doubt but their groundred iudgements did gaze, said it was fine, and were satisfied.

The speeches of Gratulation.

GENIUS.

Time, Fate, and Fortune haue at length conspir'd, 270
To giue our Age the day so much desir'd.
What all the minutes, houres, weekes, months, and yeares,
That hang in file vpon these siluer haire,
Could not produce, beneath the ^a Britaine stroke,
The Roman, Saxon, Dane, and Norman ^b yoke, 275
This point of Time hath done. Now London reare
Thy forehead high, and on it striue to weare
Thy choicest gems ; teach thy steepe Towres to rise
Higher with people : set with sparkling eyes
Thy spacious windowes ; and in euery street, 280
Let thronging ioy, loue, and amazement meet.
Cleau all the ayre with showtes, and let the cry
Strike through as long, and vniuersally,

a As being the first free and naturall
gouernment of this Iland, after it came to ciuilitie.
b In respect they were all Conquests, and the obedience of the subject more enforced.

254 *Hieroglyphickes*] *Hieroglyphickes* Q 255 partaking] pertaking Q
256 peculiarly] peculiarly Q 259 or] nor G 266
did gaze] gazed Q 270-371 *italic in Q* 274 (note 'a') first
free] first, free, Q 275 (note 'b') enforced] enforced Q

92 Part of the Kings entertainment.

As thunder ; for, thou now art blist to see

285 That sight, for which thou didst begin to be.

When ^c B R V T V S plough first gaue thee infant bounds,

And I, thy G E N I V S walk't auspicious rounds

In euery ^d furrow ; then did I forlooke,

And saw this day ^e mark't white in ^f C L O T H O's booke.

The seuerall ^g circles, both of change and sway, 290

Within this *Isle*, there also figur'd lay :

Of which the greatest, perfectest, and last

Was this, whose present happinesse we tast.

Why keepe you silence daughters ? What dull peace

Is this inhabites you ? Shall office cease, 295

Vpon th'aspect of him, to whom you owe

More then you are, or can be ? Shall T I M E know

That article, wherein your flame stood still,

And not aspir'd ? Now heauen auert an ill

Of that blacke looke. Ere pause possesse your breasts, 300

I wish you more of plagues : "Zeale when it rests,

Leaues to be zeale. Vp thou tame R I V E R, wake ;

And from thy liquid limbes this slumber shake :

Thou drown'st thy selfe in inofficious sleepe ;

And these thy sluggish waters seeme to creepe,

c Rather then the Citie should want a Founder, we choose to follow the receiued storie of *Brute*, whether fabulous, or true, and not altogether vn-warranted in Poetrie : since it is a fauor of Antiquitie to few Cities, to let them know their first Authors. Besides, a learned Poet of our time, in a most elegant woike of his *Con. Tam. & Isis*, celebrating *London*, hath this verse of her : *Emula maternæ tolens sua lumina Troia.* Here is also an ancient rite alluded to in the building of Cities, which was, to giue them their bounds with a plough, according to *Virg. Æn. li. 10. Interea Aeneas urbem designat Aratro.* And *Isidore, lib. 15. cap. 2. Vrbs vocata ab orbe, quod antiquæ ciuitates in orbem fiebant ; vel ab vrbo parte aratri, quo muri designabantur, unde est illud. Optauitque locum regno & concludere sulco.* d *Primigenius sulcus dicitur, qui in condenda noua vrbe, lauro & vacca designationis causa imprimitur ;* Hitherto respects that of *Camd. Brit. 368.* speaking of this Citie, *Quicumque autem coniderit, vitali genio, constructam fuisse ipsius fortuna docuit.* e For so all happie dayes were. *Plin. cap. 40. lib. 7. Nat. Hist.* To which *Horace* alludes, *lib. 1. Ode 36. Cressa ne careat pulchra dies nola.* And the other *Plin. epist. 11. lib. 6. O diem letum, notandumque mihi candidissimo calculo.* With many other in many places. *Mart. lib. 8. epi. 45. lib. 9. epi. 53. lib. 10. 38. lib. 11. 37. Stat. lib. 4. Syl. 6. Pers. sat. 2 Catull. epi. 69. &c.* f The *Parca*, or *Fates*, *Martianus* calls them *scribas ac librarias superum ;* whereof *Clotho* is said to be the eldest, signifying in Latine *Euocatio.* g Those before mentioned of the Britaine, Roman, Saxon, &c. and to this Register of the fates allude those verses of *Ouid. Met. 15. — Cernes illic molimine vasto, lxx ære, & solido rerum tabularia ferro : Quæ neque concussum cæli, neque fulminis Iram, nec metuunt villas tuta atque æterna ruinas. Inuenies illic incisa adamantæ perenni Fata &c.*

286 (note 'c') should] shuld Q *Aeneas*] *Aeneas* Q *ab vrbo* corr. Q, F 1: *ab vrbe* Q originally: *ab urbo* F 2 289 (note 'e') *Cressa* . . . notd] *Cressa* . . . nota Q originally 290 (note 'g') Britaine] Britiane Q vasto, F 2: vasto. Q, F 1 illic incisa Q: illis incisa F 1 299 aspir'd] aspir'd F 1 300 breasts,] breasts F f: breasts Q 301 of plagues] ofplagues F 1 303 thy Q, F 2: the F 1

Rather than flow. Vp, rise, and swell with pride
About thy bankes. "Now is not euery tyde.

T A M E S I S.

TO what vaine end should I contend to show
My weaker powers, when seas of pompe o'reflow
The cities face : and couer all the shore
With sands more rich than ^a T A G V S wealthy ore ?
When in the flood of ioy, that comes with him,
He drownes the world ; yet makes it liue and swimme,
And spring with gladnesse : not my fishes heere,
Though they be dumbe, but doe expresse the cheere
Of these bright streames. No lesse may ^b these, and I
Boast our delights, albe't we silent lie.

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a A riuier dui-
ding *Spaine* &
Portugal, and
by the consent
of Poets stil'd
aurifer.

b Vnderstand-
ing *Euphro-
syne*, *Sebasis*,
Prothumia,
&c.

G E N I V S.

INdeede, true gladnesse doth not alwayes speake :
" Ioy bred, and borne but in the tongue, is weake.
Yet (lest the feruor of so pure a flame
As this my citie beares, might lose the name,
Without the apt euenting of her heate)
Know greatest I A M E S (and no lesse good, than great.)
In the behalfe of all my vertuous sonnes,
Whereof my ^a eldest there, thy pompe forerunnes,
(A man without my flattering, or his pride,
As worthy, as he's ^b blest to be thy guide)
In his graue name, and all his brethrens right,
(Who thirst to drinke the nectar of thy sight)
The councell, commoners, and multitude ;
(Glad, that this day so long deny'd, is view'd)
I tender thee the heartiest welcome, yet
That euer king had to his ^c empires seate :
Neuer came man, more long'd for, more desir'd :
And being come, more reuerenc'd, lou'd, admir'd :
Heare, and record it : " In a prince it is
" No little vertue, to know who are his.

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a The lord
Maior, who for
his yeere, hath
senior place of
the rest, & for
the day was
chiefe sericant
to the king.

330 b About the
blessing of his
present office,
the word had
some particu-
lar allusion to
his Name,
which is
Benet, and
hath (no
doubt) in time
bin the con-
traction of
Benedict.

335 c The citie,
which title is
toucht before.

312 (note 'a') stil'd] stil'd *Fr*
thymia Q 323 lose] loose Q

317 (note 'b') *Prothumia*] *Pro-*
335 (note 'c') citie,] citie *F*: *Cittie*, Q

94 *Part of the Kings entertainment,*

- d To the prince.
e An attribute giuen to great persons, fitly about other humanity, and in frequent vse with all the greeke Poets, especially *Homer, Iliad.*
a—*δῖος Ἀχιλλεύς.* And in the same booke.—
καὶ ἀντίθεον Πολυφῆμον.
f As *Lactantius* calls *Parnassus, Vmbilicum terra.*
g To the queene.
h An emphatical speech, & well re-enforcing her greatnes; being by this match, more than either her brother, father, &c.
i Daughter to *Frederick* (the) secōd, king of *Denmarke*, and *Norway*, sister to *Christierne* the fourth now there reigning, & wife to *James* our Soueraigne.
k The prince *Henrie Frederike.*
* *Charles* duke of *Rothsey*, and the Lady *Elisabeth.*
- ^d With like deuotions, doe I stoope t(o)'embrace 340
This springing glory of thy ^e godlike race;
His countries wonder, hope, loue, ioy and pride:
How well dooth he become the royall side
Of this erected, and broade spreading Tree,
Vnder whose shade, may *Brit[t]aine* euer be. 345
And from this branch, may thousand branches more
Shoote o're the maine, and knit with euery shore
In bonds of marriage, kinred, and increase;
And stile this land, the ^f nauill of their peace.
This is your seruants wish, your cities vow, 350
Which still shall propagate it selfe, with you;
And free from spurres of hope, that slow minds moue:
" He seekes no hire, that owes his life to loue.
^g And heere she comes that is no lesse a part
In this dayes greatnesse, then in my glad heart. 355
Glory of queenes, and ^h glory of your name,
Whose graces doe as farre out-speake your fame,
As fame doth silence, when her trumpet rings
You ⁱ daughter, sister, wife of seuerall kings:
Besides alliance, and the stile of mother, 360
In which one title you drowne all your other.
Instance, be ^k that faire shoote, is gone before,
Your eldest ioy, and top of all your store,
With ^{*} those, whose sight to vs is yet deni'd,
But not our zeale to them, or ought beside 365
This citie can to you: For whose estate
Shee hopes you will be still good aduocate
To her best lord. So, whilst you mortall are,
No taste of sowre mortalitie once dare
Approch your house; nor fortune greeete your grace 370
But comming on, and with a forward face.

341 godlike] Godlike Q (note 'e') other F2: other, Q, Fr *δῖος Ἀχιλλεύς*] *δῖος Ἀχιλλεύς* Q, Fr: *δῖος Ἀχιλλεύς* F2 *ἀντίθεον* Q, F2: *ἀντ. θεον* F *Πολυφῆμον* F2: *Πολυφῆμον* Q, Fr 345 *Britaine* F2: *Brittane* Q: *Brittaine* F1 349 (note 'i') *Lactantius*] *Lactant.* Q originally: miscorrected in Q to *Lactatius*: so Ff *Vmbilicum*] *Vmbilicum* Fr 359 (note 'i') secōd.] secōd Fr 364 note *not in Q originally

The other at Temple-barre.

CARRIED the frontispice of a temple, the walls of which
and gates were brasse ; the pillars siluer, their capitalls
and bases gold : in the highest point of all was erected a
I A N V S head, & ouer it written, 375

I A N O Q V A D R I F R O N T I S A C R V M.

Which title of *Quadrifrons* is said to be giuen him, as he respecteth all climates, and fills all parts of the world with
his maiestie : which M A R T I A L would seeme to allude
vnto in that *Hendecasyllable*, 380

Et linguâ pariter locutus omni.

Others haue thought it by reason of the foure elements,
which brake out of him, being C H A O S : for O V I D is not
afraid to make C H A O S and I A N V S the same, in those
verses 385

Me Chaos antiqui (nam sum res prisca) vocabant.
Adspice, &c.

But we rather follow (and that more particularly) the opinion
of the * ancients, who haue entitiled him *Quadrifrons*, in re-
gard of the yeere (which vnder his sway is diuided into foure
seasons, *spring, summer, autumn, winter*,) and ascribe vnto
him the beginnings and ends of things. See M. C I C. * *Cumq̃*
in omnibus rebus vim haberent maximam prima & extrema,
principem in sacrificando I A N V M esse voluerunt, quod^b ab^b
eundo nomen est deductum : ex quo transitiones peruiæ I A N I,
foresq̃ in liminibus profanarum ædium, Ianuæ nomina(n)tur, 395

Heading. Temple-barre] TEMPLE BARRE Q 375 IANUS] *Ianus* Q
380 *Hendecasyllable* F2 : *Hendecasyllable* Q, F1 381 (note) Epi. Q
386 *vocabant.*] *vocabant* ; Q originally : *vocabant* Q miscorrected, Ff
389 (note*) Alb. corr. Q, Ff : Abb. Q originally imag. Q originally,
and accidentally dropped : not in Ff 390 diuided] *deuided* Q 391
winter,)] *Winter*,) Q originally : *Winter*, corr. Q : *winter*, F1 : *Winter* F2
391 ascribe] *abscribe* Q : *query*, a misprint for *adscribe* 394 (note 'b')
Quasi] *quasi* Q 396 *profanarum*] *prophanarum* F2 *Ianuæ* Q :
Ianuæ Ff *nominantur*] *nominatur* Q, Ff

Bassus apud
Macro. l. 1.
Satur. cap. 9.

Lsb. 8.
Epi[st]. 2.

* *Lege Marlia-*
num, l. 4. cap.
8. Alb. in
deorum
(*imag.*)

a *De nat. deo-*
rum, lib. 2.

b *Quasi Eanus.*

96 *Part of the Kings entertainment,*

&c. As also the charge and custodie of the whole world, by
OVID:

Fast. Ibid. *Quicquid ubiq̃ vides, cælum, mare, nubila, terras,*
400 *Omnia sunt nostra clausa patentiq̃ manu :*
 Me penes est unum vasti custodia mundi,
 Et ius vertendi cardinis omne meum est.

About his foure heads he had a wreath of gold, in which was
grauen this verse.

Mart. l. 8. T O T V U L T V S M I H I N E C S A T I S P V T A V I.
Epist. 2.

Signifying, that though he had foure faces, yet he thought
them not enough, to behold the greatnesse and glorie of
that day : beneath vnder the head was written,

Ouid. Fast. 1. E T M O D O S A C R I F I C O C L V S I V S O R E V O C O R.

410 For being open he was stil'd P A T V L C I V S, but then vpon
the comming of his maiestie, being to be shut, he was to be
called C L V S I V S. Vpon the outmost front of the building
was placed the intire armes of the kingdom with the garter,
crowne, and supporters, cut forth as faire and great as the
415 life, with an *Hexastich* written vnder-neath, all expressing
the dignitie, and power of him that should close that temple.

Q V I D V D V M A N G V S T I S T A N T V M R E G N A V I T I N O R I S
P A R V O Q V E I M P E R I O S E T O T I P R A E B V I T O R B I
E S S E R E G E N D O P A R E M, T R I A R E G N A (V T N V L L A D E E S S E T
420 V I R T V T I F O R T V N A) S V O F E L I C I T E R V N I
I V N C T A S I M V L S E N S I T : F A S V T S I T C R E D E R E V O T I S
N O N I A M S A N G V I N E A F R V I T V R O S P A C E B R I T A N N O S.

In a great freeze, below, that ranne quite along the bredth
of the building, were written these two verses out of

Lib. 2. Epist. H O R A C E.
1. ad Aug.

I V R A N D A S Q V E S V V M P E R N O M E N P O N I M V S A R A S,
N I L O R I T V R V M A L I A S, N I L O R T V M T A L E F A T E N T E S.

399 *vides*, F2: *vides* Q, F1 *terras*, Q, Ff 401 *mundi*, F2:
mundi. Q, F1 405 *VULTVS*] *VULTVS* Q (note) *Epi.* Q 409
CLVSIVS Q: *CLVSIVS* F1: *CLUSIVS* F2 415 *life*,] *life*; Q *Hexastich*]
Hexastich F2 422 *SANGVINEA*] *sanguinea* corr. Q: *sanguinea*, Q
originally 417-22, 426-7 in lower-case italic in Q 426 *IVRAN-*
DASQVE] *Iur andasq̃* Q originally: *Iur andasq̃* corr. Q: *IVR ANDASQVE*
F1: *JUR ANDASQUE* F2

The first and principall person in the temple, was

I R E N E,

or *Peace*, shee was placed aloft in a *Cant*, her attyre white, 430
semined with starres, her haire loose and large : a wreathe
of oliue on her head, on her shoulder a siluer doue : in her
left hand, shee held forth an oliue branch, with a handfull
of ripe eares, in the other a crowne of lawrell, as notes of
victorie and plentie. By her stood 435

P L V T V S,

or *Wealth*, a little boy, bare headed, his locks curled, and
spangled with gold, of a fresh aspect, his body almost naked,
sauing some rich robe cast ouer him ; in his armes a heape
of gold Ingots to expresse riches, whereof hee is the god.
Beneath her feet lay

E N Y A L I V S,

or M A R S, groueling, his armour scattered vpon him in
seuerall pieces, and sundrie sorts of weapons broken about
him ; her word to all was 445

V N A T R I U M P H I S I N N V M E R I S P O T I O R.

pax optima rerum

*Quas homini nouisse datum est, pax vna Triumphis
Innumeris potior.*

Sil. Ital.

signifying that peace alone was better, and more to be 450
coueted then innumerable triumphs. Besides, vpon the
right hand of her, but with some little descent, in a *Hemi-
cycle* was seated

E S Y C H I A,

or *Quiet*, the first hand-maid of peace ; a woman of a graue 455
and venerable aspect, attyred in black, vpon her head an
artificiall nest, out of which appeared storkes heads to mani-
fest a sweet repose. Her feete were placed vpon a cube, to

437 (note) *Cephisodotus*] *Cephisiodotus* him.] Q, Ff him Q originally
and deformed] and deformed Ff god.] God: Q 445 him; F2: him,
Q, Ff 446 INNUMERIS] IN NUMERIS Q originally 450 signifying]
signifeing Q 451 triumphs. F2: triumphs, Ff: Triumphes, corr. Q:
Tryumphes, Q originally Besides F2: besides Q, Ff

98 *Part of the Kings entertainment,*

shew stabilitie, and in her lap shee held a perpendicular or
 460 leuell, as the ensigne of *euenesse* and *rest*: on the top of
 it sate a *Halcion* or kings-fisher. Shee had lying at her feet

TARACHE,

or *Tumult*, in a garment of diuers, but darke colours, her
 haire wilde, and disordered, a foule and troubled face, about
 465 her lay stauess, swords, ropes, chaines, hammers, stones, and
 such like to expresse Turmoile. The word was,

*De Malii.
 Theo. cons.
 Panegy.*

PERAGIT TRANQVILLA POTESTAS.

Claud. *Quod violenta nequit: mandataq; fortius vrget
 Imperiosa quies.*

470 To shew the benefits of a calme and facile power, being able
 to effect in a state that, which no violence can. On the
 other side the second hand-maide was

ELEVThERIA,

or *Libertie*, her dressing white, and some-what antique, but
 475 loose and free: her haire flowing downe her backe, and
 shoulders: In her right hand shee bare a club, on her left
 a hat, the *Characters* of freedome, and power: At her feet
 a cat was placed, the creature most affecting, and expressing
 libertie. Shee trode on

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DOVLOSIS,

or *Seruitude*, a woman in old and worne garments, leane and
 meager, bearing fetters on her feet, and hands, about her
 necke a yooke to insinuate bondage, and the word

NEC VNQVAM GRATIOR.

485 Alluding to that other of *Claud.*

*De laud. Stil.
 li. 3.*

*Nunquam libertas gratior extat,
 Quam sub Rege pio.*

And intimated, that libertie could neuer appeare more

460 *rest*:] *Rest*: corr. Q: *Rest*: Q originally 463 colours]
 coulers Q 468 *mandataq;*] *mandataq;* Q originally 469 *Im-*
periosa Q originally, Ff: *Imperioso* Q later 470 benefits] benefit Fz
 472 was] was. Q originally 486 (note) *Stil.* Fz: *stil.* Q: *stil.* Ff

gracefull, and louely, then now vnder so good a prince.
The third hand-maid was 490

S O T E R I A,

or *Safetie*, a damsell in carnation, the colour signifying
cheare, and life ; shee sat high : vpon her head she wore
an antique helme, and in her right hand a speare for
defence, in her left a cup for Medicine : at her feet was set a 495
pedestall vpon which a serpent rowld vp did lie. Beneath
was

P E I R A,

or *Danger*, a woman dispoiled, and almost naked, the little
garment shee hath left her, of seuerall colours, to note her 500
various disposition. Besides her lies a torch out, and a
sword broken (the instruments of her furie) with a net and
wolves skinne (the ensignes of her malice) rent in pieces.
The word,

T E R G A D E D E R E M E T V S.

Borrowed from *Mart.* and implying that now all feares haue
turnd their backes, and our safetie might become securitie,
danger being so wholly deprest, and vnfurnisht of all
meanes to hurt. The fourth attendant is,

Lib. 12.
Epi[st] 6.

E V D A I M O N I A,

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or *Felicity*, varied on the second hand, and apparelled
richly ; in an embroidered robe, and mantle : a faire golden
tresse. In her right hand a *Caduceus*, the note of peacefull
wisedome : in her left, a *Cornucopia* fill'd onely with flowers,
as a signe of flourishing blessednesse ; and crownd with a 515
garland of the same. At her feet,

D Y S P R A G I A,

or *Vnhappinesse*, a woman bareheaded, her necke, armes,
brest, and feete naked, her looke hollow and pale ; she
holds a *Cornucopia* turned downward with all the flowers 520

493 life; *F2* : life, *Fr* : Life, *Q*
(note) *Epi*. *Q* 509 is,] is. *Q*
originally 516 feet,] feete. *Q*

500 colours] coulours *Q* 506
514 *Cornucopia*] *Coruncopia* *Q*

100 *Part of the Kings entertainment,*

false out and scattered; vpon her sits a rauen, as the
augury of ill fortune: and the soule was

REDEVNT SATVRNIA REGNA.

Eclog. 4. Out of *Virgil*, to shew that now those golden times were
525 returned againe, wherein *Peace* was with vs so aduanced,
Rest receiued, *Libertie* restored, *Safetie* assured, and all
Blessednesse appearing in euery of these vertues her parti-
cular triumph ouer her opposite cuill. This is the dumbe
argument of the frame, and illustrated with this verse of
530 *Virgil*, written in the vnder freeze.

Aeneid. lib. 11.

NULLA SALVS BELLO:

PACEM TE POSCIMVS OMNES.

The speaking part was performed, as within the temple,
where there was erected an altar, to which at the approach
535 of the king appeares the *Flamen*

*MARTIALIS.

* One of the
three *Fla-*
mines that as
some thinke
Numa Pom-
pilius first
instituted, but
we rather with
Varro take
him of *Romu-*
lus institutio,
wherof there
were only two,
Hee, and
Dialis: to
whom he was
next in digni-
tie. He was
wayes
created out of
the Nobility,
and did per-
forme the
rites to *Mars*,
who was thought
the Father of *Romulus*. c *Scaliger* in coniect. in *Varr*: saith *Totus Pileus,*
vel potius velamenta, Flammeum dicebatur, vnde Flamines dicti. d To this lookes that other
coniecture of *Varro.* lib. 4. *de lingua Latina.* *Flamines, quod hinc in capite velati erant semper,*
ac caput cinctum habebant filo, Flamines dicti. e Which in their attire was called *Stropps*,
in their wiues *Inarculum*.

GENIVS VRBIS.

The *Genius* we attired before: To the *Flamen* we appoint
this habit. A long crimson robe to witnesse his nobilitie,
his tyyet and sleeues white, as reflecting on purity in his
religion, a rich mantle of golde with a traine to expresse
the dignitie of his function. Vpon his head a ^c hat of delicate
wooll, whose top ended in a cone, and was thence called
Apex, according to that of *Lucan.* lib. 1.

Attollensq; Apicem generoso vertice Flamen.

This *Apex* was couered with a ^d fine net of yearne which they
named *Apiculum*, and was sustained with a ^e bowd twigge

521 scattered; F2: scattered, Q, F1 524 (note) *Eclog.*] *Eclog* F1
527 particular] particular Q 531 BELLO:] BELLO Q 532 POS-
CIMVS] POSSIMVS Q originally 536 (note *) Hee] Hee Q, F1: He F2
543 (note 'c') dicebatur, F2: dicebatur. Q, F1 547 (note 'd')
Flamines dicti Q originally, Ff: *Filamines dicti* a later misprint in Q
548 (note 'e') Which in] Whichin Q originally

of *Pomegranat* tree, it was also in the hot time of *Summer* to be bound with ribands, and throwne behind them, as ^f *Scaliger* teacheth. In his hand he bore a golden censor with perfume, and censng about the altar (hauing first kindled his fire on the toppe) is interrupted by the *Genius*.

f *Scal. Ibid. in con. Ponē enim regerebant apicem, ne grauis esset summis æstatis caloribus. Amentis enim, quæ offendices dicebantur, sub mentum adductis, reli-gabant; ut cum vellent, regerent, & ponē pendere permitterent.*

GENIUS.

Say, what art thou, that in this strange attire,
Dar'st kindle stranger, and vn-hallowed fire
Vpon this altar? **FL.** Rather what art thou,
That dar'st so rudely interrupt my vow?
My habit speakes my name. **GE.** A *Flamen*? **FL.** Yes,
And ^a **MARTIALIS** call'd. **GE.** I so did ghesse
By my short view, but whence didst thou ascend
Hither? or how? or to what mistick end?

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a Of Mars whose rites (as we haue toucht before) this *Flamen* did specially celebrate.

FL. The noise, and present tumult of this day,
Rowsd me from sleepe, and silence, where I lay
Obscur'd from light; which when I wakt to see,
I wondring thought what this great pompe might bee.
When (looking in my *Kalender*) I found
The ^b *Ides* of *March* were entred, and I bound
With these, to celebrate the *geniall* feast
Of ^c **ANNA** stil'd **PERENNA**, ^d **MARS** his guest,

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b With vs the 15. of *March*, which was the present day of this triumph: and on the great feast of *Anna Perenna* (among the *Romans*) was yeerely, and

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with such solemnitie remembred, *Ouid. Fast. 3. Idibus est Annæ festum geniale Perennæ, Haud procul à ripis, &c.* c Who this *Anna* should be (with the *Romans* themselues) hath bene no trifeling controuersie. Some haue thought her fabulously the sister of *Dido*, some a Nymph of *Numicius*, some *Io*, some *Themis*. Others an old woman of *Bouille*, that fed the seditious multitude, in *Monte sacro*, with wafers, and fine cakes, in time of their penurie: To whom, afterward (in memory of the benefit) their peace being made with the nobles, they ordaynd this feast. Yet, they that haue thought neerest, haue must all these, and directly imagined her the *Moone*. And that shee was called **ANNA**, *Quia mensibus impleat annum, Ouid. ibid.* To which, the vow that they vsed in her rites, somewhat confirmingly alludes, which was, *ut Annare, & Perennare commodè laceret, Macr. Sat. lib. 1. cap. 12.* d So *Ouid. ibid. Fast.* makes *Mars* speaking to her, *Mense meo coleris, iunxi mea tempora tecum.*

550 them,] them *Q, Ff* (note 'f') *dicebantur, dicebantur Q, Ff*
ponē] pone Q originally 553 fire] fier *Q* 555-644 *italic*
in Q 557 thou,] thou *Q, Ff* 559 *Flamen F2: Flamin Q:*
Flamin F1 560 ghesse] gesse *Q* (note 'a') *Flamen Q, F2:*
Flamin F1 567 *Kalender corr. Q, Ff: Calender Q originally*
569 feast] feast; *Q originally* 570 *PERENNA corr. Q, Ff: PERENNA*
Q originally guest,] guest *F1* (note 'c') *Numicius, . . . Io,]*
Numicius; . . . Jō; Q Bouillæ] Bouilla F2 penurie: *corr. Q, F1:*
penurie, Q originally alludes,] alludes; *Q Annare] Annare Q origi-*
nally Perennare Q: Perennare F1: Perannare F2

102 *Part of the Kings entertainment,*

e *Nuper erat
dea facta, &c.
ibid. Ouid.*
f Where is
vnderstood
the meeting
of the Zodiack
in *March*, the
moneth
wherein shee
is celebrated.
g That face
wherewith he
beholds the
Spring.
h Written
vpon the
Altar, for
which we
referre you to
the page 859.

b The Queen:
to answere
which in our
inscription we
spake to the
King
*MARTE
MAIORI.*

c The Temple
of *Janus* we
apprehend to
be both the
house of War,
and Peace:
of warre,
when it is
open, of
peace when it
is shut: And
that there,
each ouer the
other is inter-
changeably
placed, to the
vicissitude of
Times.

d Which are
Peace, Rest,
Libertie, Safe-
tie, &c. and
were his
actiuelly,
but the worlds
passiuely.

Who, in this moneth of his is yeerely call'd

To banquet at his altars; and instal'd

* A goddesse with him, since shee fills the yeare,

And ^f knits the oblique scarfe that girts the spheare.

Whilst foure-fac't I A N V S turnes his ^g vernall looke

Vpon their meeting houres, as if he tooke

High pride and pleasure. G E. Sure thou still dost dreame,

And both thy tongue, and thought rides on the streame

Of phantasie: Behold here *hee* nor *shee*,

Haue any altar, fane, or deitie.

Stoope: reade but this ^h inscription: and then view

To whom the place is consecrate. 'Tis true

That this is I A N V S temple, and that now

He turnes vpon the yeere his freshest brow:

That this is M A R S his moneth; and these the *Ides*,

Wherein his A N N E was honor'd; both the tides,

Titles, and place, we know: but these dead rites

Are long since buryed, and new power excites

More high and heartie flames. Loe, there is *hee*,

Who brings with him a ^b greater A N N E then shee:

Whose strong and potent vertues haue ^c defac'd

Sterne M A R S his statues, and vpon them plac'd

His, ^d and the worlds b[l]est blessings: This hath brought

Sweet peace to sit in that bright state shee ought,

Vnbloudic, or vntroubled; hath forc'd hence

All tumults, feares, or other darke portents

That might inuade weake minds; hath made men see

Once more the face of welcome libertie:

And doth (in all his present acts) restore

That first pure world, made of the better ore.

Now innocence shall cease to be the spoyle

Of rauenous greatnesse, or to steepe the soyle

Of rayسد pesantrie with teares, and bloud;

No more shall rich men (for their little good)

572 instal'd] in stald; Q
page 859] Page. D.3 Q
word of sig. D1 verso
Q. F1

576 tooke] tooke. Q
590 Who] Whose Q originally in the catch-
593 best W
594 ought, F2: ought

581 (note 'h')

Suspect to be made guiltie ; or vile spies
 Enioy the lust of their so murdring eyes :
 Men shall put off their yron minds, and hearts ;
 The time forget his old malicious arts
 With this new minute ; and no print remayne
 Of what was thought the former ages stayne.
 Back, F L A M E N, with thy superstitious fumes,
 And cense not here ; Thy ignorance presumes
 Too much, in acting any Ethnick rite
 In this translated temple : here no wight,
 To sacrifice, saue my deuotion comes,
 That brings in stead of those thy * masculine gums,
 My cities heart ; which shall for euer burne
 Vpon this altar, and no time shall turne
 The same to ashes : here I fixe it fast,
 Flame bright, flame high, and may it euer last.
 Whilest I, before the figure of thy peace,
 Still tend the fire ; and giue it quick increase
 With prayers, wishes, vowes ; whereof be these
 The least, and weakest : that no age may leese
 The memorie of this so rich a day ;
 But rather, that it henceforth yeerely may
 Begin our spring, and with our spring the prime,
 And ^f first accompt of yeeres, of months, ^g of time :

605 e Somewhat a
 strange Epi-
 thite, in our
 tongue, but
 proper to the
 thing: for they
 were only
 Masculine
 610 odors, which
 were offerd to
 the Altars,
 Vir. Ecl. 8.
 Verbenasq;
 adole pinguis,
 & mascula
 Tura. And
 Plin. Nat.
 615 Hist. lib. 12.
 cap. 14. speak-
 ing of these,
 hath Quod ex
 eo rotunditate
 guttæ pepen-
 dit, Masculum
 vocamus, cum
 alias non fere
 620 mas vocetur,
 ubi non sit
 jæmina: reli-
 gioni tribu-
 tum ne sexus
 alter usur-
 paretur. Mas-
 culum aliqui
 putant à specie
 625 testum dictum.
 See him also,
 lib. 34. cap. 11.
 And, Arnob.
 lib. 7. aduers.
 Gent. Non si
 mille tu pon-
 dera masculi

Turis incendas, &c. f According to *Romulus* his institution, who made *March* the first month, and consecrated it to his father, of whom it was called *Martius*, *Varr. Fest. in Frag. Martius mensis institui anni fuit, & in Latio, & post Romam conditam, &c.* And *Ouid. Fast.* 3. *A te principium Romano dicimus anno: Primus de patris nomine mensis erit. Vox rata fit, &c.* See *Macr. lib. 1. Sat. cap. 12.* and *Solin. in Polyhist. cap. 3.* *Quod hoc mense mercedes exoluerint magistris, quas completus annus deberi fecisset, &c.* g Some, to whom we haue read this, haue taken it for a *Tautologie*, thinking *Time* ynough express'd before in *yeeres*, and *moneths*. For whose ignorant sakes we must confesse to haue taken the better part of this trauaile in noting, a thing not vsuall, neither affected of vs, but where there is necessitie, as here, to auoid their dull censures: where in *yeeres* and *moneths* we alluded to that is obserued in our former note: but by *Time* we vnderstand the present, and that from this instant, we should begin to reckon, and make this the first, of our time. Which is also to be helpt by *emphasis*.

605 Suspect] Suspected F2

612 cense] sence Q originally

gums. Ff: gummes. Q

thura F2 pependit] pependi Q originally fæmina] femina Q Turis]

thuris F2 628 (note 'f') rata fit, &c.] ratafit; &c. Q Polyhist.]

Poly. hist. Q, Fr: Poly. Hist. completus] completas F2 628

(note 'g') trauaile] trauale Q

611 FLAMEN F2: FLAMIN Q, Fr

616 thy] the Q originally gums,]

(note 'e') odors] Odours Q Tura]

fæmina] femina Q Turis]

628 (note 'f') rata fit, &c.] ratafit; &c. Q Polyhist.]

Poly. hist. Q, Fr: Poly. Hist. completus] completas F2 628

(note 'g') trauaile] trauale Q

104 *Part of the Kings entertainment,*

^h In which he
was slaine in
the *Senate*.

- And may these *Idea*s as fortunate appeare
To thee, as they to ^h C A E S A R fatall were.
Be all thy thoughts borne perfect, and thy hopes
In their euent still crown'd beyond their scopes.
Let not wide heauen that secret blessing know
To giue, which shee on thee will not bestow.
- 635 Blind *Fortune* be thy slaue ; and may her store
(The lesse thou seek'st it) follow thee the more.
Much more I would : but see, these brazen gates
Make haste to close, as vrged by thy fates ;
Here ends my cities office, here it breakes :
- 640 Yet with my tongue, and this pure heart, shee speakes
A short farewell ; and lower then thy feet,
With feruent thanks, thy royall paynes doth greet.
Pardon, if my abruptnesse breed disease ;
„He merits not t(o)'offend, that hastes to please.

Apparatus criticus, p. 105.

645 Altar] Alter Q 647-68 Q encloses in a frame 654 SVI.]
SVI Q, FI: SUI F2 655 ET.] ET Q, Ff 656 PULCHERRIMÆ F2
660 AD.] AD Q, Ff 662 SED.] SED Q, Ff FVNESTISSIMAM F2
663 SERENARVNT.] SERENARVNT Q, FI After 674 Q adds Thus
hath both Court- Towne- and Countrey-Reader, our portion of deuise
for the Cittie ; neither are we ashamed to professe it, being assured
well of the difference betweene it and Pageantry. If the *Mecanick*
part yet standing, giue it any distaste in the wrye mouthes of the Time,
we pardon them ; for their owne ambitious ignorance doth punish them
inough. From hence we will turne ouer a new leafe with you, and
lead you to the *Pegme* in the Strand, a worke thought on, begun, and per-
fected in twelue dayes.

Ouer the Altar was written 645

this Inscription :

D. I. O. M.

BRITANNIARVM. IMP. PACIS.
VINDICI. MARTE. MAIORI. P. P. F. S.
AVGVSTO. NOVO. GENTIUM. CON- 650
IVNCTARVM. NVMINI. TVTELARI.

D. A.

CONSERVATRICI. ANNÆ. IPSÆ. PERENNÆ.
DEABVSQVE. VNIVERSIS. OPTATORI. SVI.
FORTVNATISSIMI. THALAMI. SOCIÆ. ET. 655
CONSORTI. PVLCHER(R)IMÆ. AVGVSTISSIMÆ.

ET

H. F. P.

FILIO. SVO. NOBILISSIMO. OB. ADVENTVM.
AD. VRBEM. HANC. SVAM. EXPECTATISSIMVM. 660
GRATISSIMVM. CELEBRATISSIMVM. CVIVS.
NON. RADII. SED. SOLES. POTIVS. FVNE(STI)SSIMAM.
NVPER. AERIS. INTEMPERIE. SERENARVNT.

S. P. Q. L.

VOTIS. X. VOTIS. XX. ARDENTISSIMIS. 665

L. M.

HANC. ARAM.

P.

And upon the Gate, being shut,

IMP. IACOBVS MAX. 670

CÆSAR AVG. P. P.

PACE POPVLO BRITANNICO
TERRA MARIQVE PARTA

IANVM CLVSIT. S.C.

In the Strand.

675 **T**He Inuention was a Raine-bow, the Moone, Sunne, and
those seuen starres, which antiquitie hath styl'd the
Pleiades, or *Vergiliæ*, aduanced betweene two magnificent
Pyramid's, of 70. foot in height, on which were drawne his
Maiesties seuerall pedigrees *Eng.* and *Scot.* To which bodie
680 (being fram'd before) we were to apt our soule. And find-
ing that one of these seuen lights, *Electra*, is rarely or not at
all to be seene, (as *Ouid. lib. 4. Fast.* affirmeth.

*Pleiades incipient humeros releuare paternos:
Quæ septem dici, sex tamen esse solent.*

685 And by and by after,

*Siue quodd Electra Troiæ spectare ruinas
Non tulit: antè oculos opposuitq; manum.*

*Paraph. in
Arat. Phæ-
nom.*

And *Festus Auien.*

690 *Fama vetus septem memorat genitore creatas
Longæuo: sex se rutila inter sidera tantum
Sustollunt, &c.*

And beneath,

*—cerni sex solas carmine Myntes
Asserit: Electram cælo abscessisse profundo, &c.)*

695 We ventred to follow this authoritie; and made her the
speaker: presenting her hanging in the ayre, in figure of a
Comet; according to *Anonymus. Electra non sustinens
videre casum pronepotum fugerit; unde & illam dissolutis
crinibus propter luctum ire asserunt, & propter comas quidam*
700 *Cometen appellant.*

Heading In the Strand. not in Q 678 Pyramid's.] Pyramid's Q
687 antè] aute Q 690 Longæuo] Long æuo F1 692 beneath, F2:
beneath Q, F1

THE SPEECH.

ELECTRA.

THe long ^a laments I spent for ruin'd Troy,
Are dried; and now mine eyes run teares of ioy.

No more shall men suppose E L E C T R A dead,

Though from the consort of her sisters fled

Vnto the ^b Arctick circle, here to grace,

And gild this day with her ^c serenest face:

And see, my ^d daughter *Iris* hasts to throw

Her roseat wings, in compasse of a bow,

About our state, as ^e signe of my approach:

Attracting to her seate from ^f *Mithras* coach,

A thousand different, and particular hiewes,

Which she throughout her body doth diffuse.

The *Sunne*, as loth to part from this *halfe sphaere*,

Stands still; and *Phæbe* labors to appeare

In all as bright (if not as rich) as he:

And, for a note of more serenity,

My sixe ^g faire sisters hither shift their lights;

To do this hower the vtmost of her rites.

Where lest the captious, or prophane might doubt,

How these cleere heavenly bodies come about

All to be seene at once; yet neithers light

Eclips'd, or shadow'd by the others sight:

Let ignorance know, great king, this day is thine,

a *Fest. Aui.*

paraph.

Pars ait *Idæa*

deflentem in-

cendâ *Troia*,

Et numerosa

sua lugentem

funera gentis,

Electram tetris

mœstum dare

nubibus orbem.

Besides the

reference to

antiquitie,

this speech

might be

vnderstood by

Allegorie of

the Towne

here, that had

beene so

ruined with

sicknesse, &c.

715 b *Hyginus.*

Sed postquam

Troia fuit

capta, & Pro-

genies eius

quæ à Dar-

dano fuit

eversa, dolore

permotam ab

his se remo-

uissse, & in

circulo qui

Arcticus dici-

tur constituisse,

&c.

c *Electra*

signifies

Serenitie it

selfe, and is compounded of *ἥλιος*, which is the *Sunne*, and *αἰθριος*, that signifies serene. She is mentioned to be *Anima sphaera solis*, by *Proclus. Com. in Hesiod.* d She is also faind to be the mother of the rainebow. *Nascitur enim Iris ex aqua & serenitate, è refractione radiorum scilicet. Arist. in Meteorol.* e *Val. Flac. Argonaut.* i. makes the rainbow indicem serenitatis. *Emicuit reserata dies, celumq̃ resoluit Arcus, & in summos redierunt nubila montes.* f A name of the sunne. *Stat. The. lib. i. torquentem cornua Mithran.* And *Martian. Capel. lib. 3. de nup. Mer. & Phil. Te Serapim Nilus, Memphis veneratur Osirin; Dissona sacra Mithran, &c. g Alcione, Celano, Taygete, Asterope, Merope, Maia.* which are also said to be the soules of the other sphaeres, as *Electra* of the sunne. *Proclus. ibi. in com. Alcione Veneris. Celano Saturni. Taygete Lunæ. Asterop. Iouis. Merope Martis. Maia Mercurij.*

702-63 italic in Q 702 laments] Laments, Q 706 Arctick]
Artick F2 707 (note 'c') ἥλιος] ἥλιος Q, Ff αἰθριος] αἰθριος Q, F1:
αἰθριος F2 708 (note 'd') scilicet: Q 710 (note 'e')
resoluit] resoluit. Q, F1: resoluit F2 712 hiewes] hewes Q 717
serenity] serenety F1 718 hither] hether Q 720 lest] least Q

- 725 And doth admit no night ; but all doe shine
 As well nocturnall, as diurnall fires,
 To adde vnto the flame of our desires.
 Which are (now thou hast closd vp ^h I A N v s gates,
 And giu'n so generall peace to all estates)
 730 That no offensive mist, or cloudie staine
 May mixe with splendor of thy golden raigne ;
 But, as th'ast free'd thy ⁱ Chamber, from the noyse
 Of warre and tumult ; thou wilt powre those ioyes
 Vpon ^k this place, which claimes to be ^l the feate
 Of all thy kingly race : the cabinet
 To all thy counsels ; and the iudging chayre
 To this thy speciall kingdome. Who(se) so faire
 And wholesome lawes, in euery court, shall striue
 By Æquitie, and their first innocence to thriue ;
 The base and guiltie bribes of guiltier men
 Shall be throwne backe, and iustice looke, as when
 She lou'd the earth, and feard not to be sold
 For that, ^m which worketh all things to it, gold.
 The dam of other euils, auarice,
 Shall here locke downe her iawes, and that rude vice
 Of ignorant, and pittied greatnesse, pride,
 Decline with shame ; ambition now shall hide
 Her face in dust, as dedicate to sleepe,
 That in great portalls wont her watch to keepe.
 750 All ills shall flie the light : Thy court be free
 No lesse from enuie, then from flatterie ;
 All tumult, faction, and harsh discord cease,
 That might perturb the musique of thy peace :
 The querulous nature shall no longer find
 755 Roome for his thoughts : One pure consent of mind
 Shall flow in euery brest, and not the ayre,
 Sunne, moone, or starres shine more serenely faire.
 This from that loud, blest Oracle, I sing,

^h Alluding
 backe to that
 of our temple.

ⁱ London.

^k His citie of
 Westminster,
 in whose
 name, and at
 whose charge,
 together with
 the duchie of
 Lancaster,
 this arch was
 erected.

^l Since here,
 they not
 onely sate
 being
 crowned, but
 also first
 receiued their
 crownes.

^m *Hor. Car.*
lib. 4. Ode. 9.
Ducentis ad
se cuncta
pecunia.

726 fires] fiers Q 727 desires] desiers Q 734 (note 'k') Lan-
 caster], Lancaster Q, Ff 735 thy Q: the Ff 737 Whose] Whose
 Q 744 euils, auarice,] euils, Auarice Q: euils auarice Ff: euils,
 auarice F2 755 consent] concent Q 758 sing.] sing Q originally

Who here, and first, pronounc'd, thee *Brit[t]aines* king.
 Long maist thou liue, and see me thus appeare, 760
 As omenous ⁿ a comet, from my speheare,
 Vnto thy raigne ; as that ^o did auspicate
 So lasting glory to A V G V S T V S state.

n For our
 more authori-
 tie to induce
 her thus, see
Fest. Auien.
paraph. in

Arat. speaking of *Electra*, *Nonnunquam Oceani tamen istam surgere ab vndis, In conuexa poli, sed sede carere sororum ; Atque os discretum procul edere, detestatam, Germanosq; choros sobolis lachrymare ruinas, Diffusamq; comas cerni, crinisque soluti Monstrari effigie, &c.* o All comets were not fatall, some were fortunately ominous, as this to which we allude; and wherefore we haue *Plinies* testimonie. *Nat. Histo. lib. 2 cap. 25.* *Cometes in vno totius orbis loco colitur in templo Romæ, admodum faustus Diuo Augusto iudicatus ab ipso: qui incipiente eo, apparuit ludis quos faciebat Veneri Genetrici, non multo post obitum patris Cæsaris, in collegio ab eo instituto. Namq; his verbis id gaudium prodidit.* Is ipsis ludorum meorum diebus, sydus crinitum per septem dies in regione Cœli, quæ sub septentrionibus est, conspectum. Id oriebatur circa vndecimam horam diei, clarumque & omnibus terris conspicuum fuit. Eo sydere significari vulgus credidit, *Cæsaris* animam inter Deorum immortalium numina receptam: quo nomine id insigne simulacro capitis eius, quod mox in foro consecraimus, adiectum est. *Hæc ille in publicum, interiore gaudio sibi illum natum, seq; in eo nasci interpretatus est. Et si verum fate- mur, salutare id terris fuit.*

759 king.] king Fr 761 (note 'n') see] See Q, Ff Nonnunquam]
 Non nunquam F1 detestatam,] detestatam Q: detestatam. Ff 762
 (note 'o') Iis ipsis] Iisipsis Fr sydus] sy dus Fr consecraimus,]
 consecraimus Q, Fr: consecravimus, F2 Hæc ille] Hæc Ille Q
 natum, Q: natum Ff

THE END.



B. I.
HIS P A N E G Y R E.
On the happie entrance of IAMES
our Soueraigne to his first high
Session of Parliament in this
his Kingdome the 19.
of March.
1603.

Mart. Licet toto nunc Helicone frui.

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The title-page in the Quarto, 1604.

A
P A N E G Y R E,
ON
T H E H A P P I E
E N T R A N C E O F I A M E S,
O V R S O V E R A I G N E,
T O

His first high Sefſion of P A R L I A M E N T
in this his Kingdome, the 19. of
March, 1603.

The Author B. I.

M A R T.

Licet toto nunc Helicone frui.

L O N D O N,

M. DC. XVI.

The title-page in the Folio of 1616: in the Folio of 1640 with
Richard Bishop's device (McKerrow, 393) and imprint.

A PANEGYRE.

HEau'n now not striues, alone, our brests to fill
 With ioyes : but vrgeth his full fauors still.
 Againe, the glory of our Western world
 Vnfoldes himself : & from his eyes are hoorl'd
 (To day) a thousand radiant lights, that stream 5
 To euery nooke and angle of his realme.
 His former rayes did onely cleare the skie ;
 But these his searching beams are cast, to prie
 Into those darke and deepe concealed vaults,
 Where men commit blacke incest with their faults ; 10
 And snore supinely in the stall of sin :
 Where *Murder, Rapine, Lust*, doe sit within,
 Carowsing humane bloud in yron bowles,
 And make their denne the slaughter-house of soules :
 From whose foule reeking cauernes first arise 15
 Those dampes, that so offend all good mens eyes ;
 And would (if not dispers'd) infect the Crowne,
 And in their vapor her bright mettall drowne.
 To this so cleare and sanctified an end,
 I saw, when reuerend **T H E M I S** did descend 20
 Vpon his state ; let downe in that rich chaine,
 That fastneth heauenly power to earthly raigne :
 Beside her, stoup't on either hand, a maid,
 Faire **D I C E**, and **E V N O M I A** ; who were said
 To be her daughters : and but faintly knowne 25
 On earth, till now, they came to grace his throne.
 Her third, **I R E N E**, help'd to beare his traine ;
 And in her office vow'd she would remaine,
 Till forraine malice, or vnnaturall spight
 (Which Fates auert) should force her from her right. 30
 With these he pass'd, and with his peoples hearts

The title-page of F1 is reproduced as a heading to the text in F2, with the omission of LONDON, [M.DC.XVI.] 4 hoorl'd] hoorl'd, Q 6 nooke]
 nooke, Q 7 rayes] raies, Q 9 darke] darke, Q 19 cleare]

- Breath'd in his way ; and soules (their better parts)
 Hasting to follow forth in shouts, and cries.
 Vpon his face all threw their couetous eyes,
 35 As on a wonder : some amazed stood,
 As if they felt, but had not knowne their good :
 Others would faine haue shew'ne it in their words :
 But, when their speech so poore a helpe affords
 Vnto their zeales expression ; they are mute :
 40 And only with red silence him salute.
 Some cry from tops of houses ; thinking noise
 The fittest herald to proclaime true ioyes :
 Others on ground runne gazing by his side,
 All, as vnwearied, as vnsatisfied :
 45 And euery windore grieu'd it could not moue
 Along with him, and the same trouble proue.
 They that had seene, but foure short daies before,
 His gladding looke, now long'd to sec it more.
 And as of late, when he through *London* went,
 50 The amorous Citie spar'd no ornament,
 That might her beauties heighten ; but so drest,
 As our ambitious dames, when they make feast,
 And would be courted : so this Towne put on
 Her brightest tyre ; and, in it, equall shone
 55 To her great sister : saue that modestie,
 Her place, and yeares, gaue her precedencie.
 The ioy of either was alike, and full ;
 No age, nor sex, so weake, or strongly dull,
 That did not beare a part in this consent
 60 Of hearts, and voices. All the aire was rent,
 As with the murmure of a mouing wood ;
 The ground beneath did seeme a mouing floud :
 Walls, windores, roofes, towers, steeples, all were set
 With seuerall eyes, that in this obiect met.
 65 Old men were glad, their fates till now did last ;

37 words :] words, Q
 They] They, Q
 59 consent] concent Q

45 windore] Window F3 (so 63)
 52 feast] feasts F2
 62 floud :] floud Q

54 equall] æquall Q
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And infants, that the houres had made such hast
 To bring them forth : Whil'st riper ag'd, and apt
 To vnderstand the more, the more were rapt.
 This was the peoples loue, with which did striue
 The Nobles zeale, yet either kept aliue 70
 The others flame, as doth the wike and waxe,
 That friendly temper'd, one pure taper makes.
 Meane while, the reuerend T H E M I S drawes aside
 The Kings obeying will, from taking pride
 In these vaine stirres, and to his mind suggests 75
 How he may triumph in his subiects brests,
 „With better pompe. She tells him first, that Kings
 „Are here on earth the most conspicuous things :
 „That they, by Heauen, are plac'd vpon his throne,
 „To rule like Heauen ; and haue no more, their owne, 80
 „As they are men, then men. That all they doe,
 „Though hid at home, abroad is search'd into :
 „And, being once found out, discover'd lies
 „Vnto as many enuies, there, as eyes.
 „That princes, since they know it is their fate, 85
 „Oft-times, to haue the secrets of their state
 „Betraid to fame, should take more care, and feare
 „In publique acts what face and forme they beare.
 „She then remembred to his thought the place
 „Where he was going ; and the vpward race 90
 „Of kings, præceding him in that high court ;
 „Their lawes, their endes ; the men she did report :
 „And all so iustly, as his eare was ioy'd
 „To heare the truth, from spight, or flattery voyd.
 „She shewd him, who made wise, who honest acts ; 95
 „Who both, who neither : all the cunning tracts,
 „And thriuing statutes she could promptly note ;
 „The bloody, base, and barbarous she did quote ;
 „Where lawes were made to serue the tyran' will ;

66 houres] howers Q 67 Whil'st] Whilst Q 81 doe,] doe
 Q, Fr: do F₂ 89 thought] thought, Q 94 or] of F₂ 99
 tyran'] tyrant's W

- 100 „Where sleeping they could saue, and waking kill ;
 „Where acts gaue licence to impetuous lust
 „To bury churches, in forgotten dust,
 „And with their ruines raise the panders bowers :
 „When, publique iustice borrow'd all her powers
 105 „From priuate chambers ; that could then create
 „Lawes, iudges, co(u)nsellers, yea prince, and state.
 „All this she told, and more, with bleeding eyes ;
 „For *Right* is as compassionate as wise.
 Nor did he seeme their vices so to loue,
 110 As once defend, what *THEMIS* did reprove.
 For though by right, and benefite of *Times*,
 He ownde their crownes, he would not so their crimes.
 He knew that princes, who had sold their fame
 To their voluptuous lustes, had lost their name ;
 115 And that no wretch was more vnblest then he,
 Whose necessary good 'twas now to be
 An euill king : And so must such be still,
 Who once haue got the habit to doe ill.
 One wickednesse another must defend ;
 120 For vice is safe, while she hath vice to friend.
 He knew, that those, who would, with loue, command,
 Must with a tender (yet a stedfast) hand
 Sustaine the reynes, and in the checke forbear
 To offer cause of iniurie, or feare.
 125 That kings, by their example, more doe sway
 Then by their power ; and men doe more obay
 When they are led, then when they are compell'd.
 In all these knowing artes our prince excell'd.
 And now the dame had dried her dropping eyne,
 130 When, like an April *Iris*, flew her shine
 About the streets, as it would force a spring
 From out the stones, to gratulate the king.
 She blest the people, that in shoales did swim
 To heare her speech ; which still began in him

And ceas'd in them. She told them, what a fate 135
 Was gently false from heaven upon this state ;
 How deare a father they did now enjoy
 That came to saue, what discord would destroy :
 And entring with the power of a king,
 The temp'rance of a priuate man did bring, 140
 That wan affections, ere his steps wan ground ;
 And was not hot, or couetous to be crown'd
 Before mens hearts had crown'd him. Who (vnlike
 Those greater bodies of the sky, that strike
 The lesser fiers dim) in his accesse 145
 Brighter then all, hath yet made no one lesse ;
 Though many greater : and the most, the best.
 Wherein, his choice was happie with the rest
 Of his great actions, first to see, and do
 What all mens wishes did aspire vnto. 150
 Hereat, the people could no longer hold
 Their bursting ioyes ; but through the ayre was rol'd
 The length'ned showt, as when th'artillery
 Of heaven is discharg'd along the skie :
 And this confession flew from euery voyce : 155
Neuer had land more reason to reioyce.
Nor to her blisse, could ought now added bee,
Saue, that shee might the same perpetuall see.
 Which when time, nature, and the fates deny'd,
 With a twice louder shoute againe they cry'd, 160
Yet, let blest Brit[t]aine aske (without your wrong)
Still to haue such a king, and this king long.

Solus Rex, & Poeta non quotannis nascitur.

140 bring,] bring. Q

158 see.] see : Q

163 Poeta] Poëta Q



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A SATYRE.

THe inuention was, to haue a Satyre lodged in a little Spinet, by which her Maiestie, and the Prince were to come, who (at the report of certayne Cornets that were diuided in seuerall places of the Parke, to signifie her approach) aduanced his head aboue the top of the wood, wondring, and (with his 5 pipe in his hand) began as followeth.

SATYRE.

Here? there? and euery where?
 Some solemnities are neere,
 That these changes strike mine eare. 10
 My pipe and I a part shall beare.

And after a short straine with his pipe; againe.

Looke, see; (beshrew this tree,)
 What may all this wonder bee?
 Pipe it, who that list for mee: 15
 I'le flie out abroad, and see.

There he leaped downe, and gazing the Queene and Prince in the face, went forward.

That is CYPARISSVS face!
 And the dame hath SYRINX grace! 20
 O that PAN were now in place,
 Sure, they are of heauenly race.

Here he ranne into the wood againe, and hid himselfe, whilst to the sound of excellent soft Musique, that was there concealed in the thicket; there came tripping up the lawne, a 25

F2 repeated the title-page of F1 down to the words 'as they came first into the Kingdom;' omitted 'Written by the same Authour, and not before published'; inserted Bishop's device, no. 393 in McKerrow; and added the imprint 'LONDON, | Printed by RICHARD BISHOP. | M.DC.XL'
 A SATYRE. not in Q 5 wood, wondring Q originally, Ff: Wood,
 wondering Re 7 SATYRE] SATIRE Q 10 eare. Re, Ff: eare:
 Q originally 13 tree,) Ff: Tree.) Q originally: Tree,) Re 14
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 ally, F2 23 wood Re, Ff: Wood Q originally himselfe, F2:
 himselfe Q, F1

beuy of Faeries, attending on M A B their Queene, who falling into an artificiall ring, that was there cut in the path, began to dance a round, whilst their Mistris spake as followeth.

30

F A E R I E.

Haile, and welcome worthiest Queene,
Ioy had neuer perfect beene,
To the Nymphs that haunt this greene,
Had they not this euening seene.

35

Now they print it on the ground
With their feete in figures round,
Markes that will be euer found,
To remember this glad stound.

The Satyre peeping out of the bush, said,

40

Trust her not, you bonny-bell,
Shee will fortie leasings tell,
I doe know her pranks right well.

F A E R I E.

45

Satyre, we must haue a spell,
For your tongue, it runnes too fleet.

S A T Y R E.

Not so nimbly as your feet,
When about the creame-bowles sweet,
You, and all your *Elues* doe meet.

50 *Here he came hopping forth, and mixing himselfe with the Faeries skipped in, out, and about their circle, while the Elues made many offers to catch at him.*

55

This is M A B the mistris-Faerie,
That doth nightly rob the dayrie,
And can hurt, or helpe the churning,
(As shee please) without discerning.

E L F E. P V G, you will anon take warning ?

Shee, that pinches countrey wenches,
If they rub not cleane their benches,

30 FAERIE.] *Mab. G* (so throughout) 39 *said,]* *said. Q* 42 *well.]*
well, Q 45 *too]* to Q 48 *sweet,]* *sweete. Q*

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And with sharper nayles remembers, 60
 When they rake not vp their embers :
 But if so they chance to feast her,
 In a shooe shee drops a tester.

E L F E. Shall we strip the skipping iester ?
 This is shee, that empties cradles, 65
 Takes out children, puts in ladles :
 Traynes forth mid-wiues in their slumber,
 With a siue the holes to number.

And then leads them, from her borroughs
 Home through ponds, and water furrowes. 70

E L F E. Shall not all this mocking stirre vs ?
 Shee can start our *Franklins* daughters,
 In their sleepe, with shrikes, and laughter,
 And on sweet Saint A N N E' s night,
 Feed them with a promis'd sight, 75
 Some of husbands, some of louers,
 Which an emptie dreame discouers.

E L F E. *Satyre*, vengeance neere you houers.
 And in hope that you would come here
 Yester-eue, the lady **Summer*
 Shee inuited to a banquet :
 But (in sooth) I con you thanke yet,
 That you could so well deceiue her
 Of the pride which gan vp-heaue her :
 And (by this) would so haue blowne her, 85
 As no wood-god should haue knowne her.

* For shee was expected there on Midsummer day at night, but came not till the day following.

Here he skipped into the wood.

E L F E. Mistris, this is onely spight :
 For you would not yester-night
 Kisse him in the cock-shout light. 90

72 *Franklins* Q : FRANKLINS Ff 74 ANNE's] Anna's G 78
 houers.] houers, Q, Ff : hovers. F2 80 (note) following] following,
Q originally : (1) following. (2) following. Re 80 -eue,] -eue Ff
Summer] *Summer*, Ff 81 banquet: Ff: Banquet; *Q originally* :
 Ba npuet: Re: banquet, F2 84 her: Re, Ff: her; *Q originally*
 86 knowne *Q originally*, Ff: known Re 88 spight: Re, Ff: spight;
Q originally 89-90 indented in Ff as if belonging to the *Satyre*
 89 yester-night Re, Ff: yesternight *Q originally*

And came againe.

SATYRE.

By PAN, and thou hast hit it right.

There they laid hold on him, and nipt him.

95

FAERY.

Fayries, pinch him black and blue,
Now you haue him, make him rue.

SATYRE.

O, hold, MAB: I sue.

100 ELFE. Nay, the deuill shall haue his due.

*There he ranne quite away and left them in a confusion, while
the Faery began againe.*

FAERY.

Pardon lady this wild strayne,
105 Common with the SYLVAN trayne,
That doe skip about this plaine:
Elues, apply your gyre againe.

And whilst some doe hop the ring,
Some shall play, and some shall sing,
Wee'le expresse in euery thing,
110 *OR (I) ANAS well-comming.

* *Quasi Oriens*
ANNA.

SONG.

THIS is shee,
This is shee,
115 In whose world of grace
Euery season, person, place,
That receiue her, happy be,

91 *again.*] *again*, Q 94 *nipt him.*] *nipt him*, Re 97 *rue.*] *rue*: Q 99 *hold*, MAB:] *hold*, mistress Mab, W: *query*, *hold*, MAB:] *hold*, MAB: 101 *away*] *away* Re *confusion.*] *confusion* Q 102 *again.*] *again*, Q 103 FAERY Q *originally*: SATYRE Re, FI: FAIRY F2 105 *with*] *with* Re *trayne.*] *traine*. Q 109 *sing*, Re, Ff: *sing.* Q *originally* 110 *Wee'le*] *Wee'le* Q, Ff 111 ORIANAS Q *originally*: ORANAS Re: ORANAS Ff (note*) Oriens Q: Oriens Ff (in some copies of Q the 'e' is blurred) 113-24 *italic in Q* 113 *shee* Ff: *shee* Re: *she* Q *originally*

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For with no lesse,
 Then * a kingdomes happinesse,
 Doth shee priuate ^b *Lares* blesse,
 And ours about the rest :
 By how much we deserue it least.
 Long liue O R I A N A
 To exceed (whom shee succeeds) our late D I A N A.

* Bringing
 with her the
 Prince, which
 is the greatest
 felicitie of
 kingdomes.
 b For house-
 holds.

F A E R Y.

125

Madame, now an end to make,
 Deigne a simple gift to take :
 Only for the Faeries sake,
 Who about you still shall wake.

'Tis done only to supply,
 His suspected courtesie,
 Who (since T H A M Y R A did dye)
 Hath not brookt a ladies eye,

130

Nor allow'd about his place,
 Any of the female race.
 Only we are free to trace
 All his grounds, as he to chase.

135

For which bountie to vs lent,
 Of him vnknowledgde, or vnsent,
 We prepar'd this * *complement*,
 And as farre from cheape intent,

* A iewell
 was giuen her.

In particular to feed
 Any hope that should succeed,
 Or our glorie by the deed,
 As your selfe are from the need.

145

Vtter not ; we you implore,
 Who did giue it, nor wherefore.
 And when euer you restore
 Your selfe to vs, you shall haue more.

125 FAERY] FAERY Re 127 gift] guift Q 131 courtesie,]
 courtesy; Q 140 (note) giuen] giuen Q originally 142 feed]
 feed, FI 143 succeed, corr. FI: succeed. Q, FI originally: succeed Fz
 147 wherefore.] wherefore, Q

- 150 Highest, happyest Queene farewell,
 But beware you doe not tell.

*Here the Faeries hopt away in a fantastique dance, when on a
 sodaine the Satyre discovered himselfe againe and came forth.*

SATYRE.

- 155 Not tell? Ha, ha, I could smile,
 At this old, and toothlesse wile.
 Ladie, I haue been no sleeper,
 Shee belyes the noble *keeper*.
 Say, that here he like the groues,
 160 And pursue no forraine loues :
 Is he therefore to be deemed
 Rude, or sauage? or esteemed,
 But a sorry entertayner,
 'Cause he is no common strayner
 165 After painted Nymphs for fauours,
 Or that in his garbe he sauours
 Little of the nicety,
 In the sprucer courtiery ;
 As the rosarie of kisses,
 170 With the oath that neuer misses,
 This, *beleue me on the brest*,
 And then telling some mans iest,
 Thinking to preferre his wit,
 Equall with his suite by it,
 175 I meane his clothes? No, no, no,
 Here doth no such humour flow.
 He can neither bribe a grace,
 Nor encounter my lords face

153-4 Satyre . . . SATYRE] Satire . . . SATIRE *Q* originally 159 here
 he *Re*, *F1*: heere hee *Q* originally: here hee *F2* groues.] groues:
Q, *Ff* 160 loues:] Loues, *Q*: loues, *F1*: loves: *F2* 161 deemed]
 deemed, *Q*, *Ff* 163 entertayner *F1*: Entertayner *Q* originally:
 Entertainer *Re*: entertainer *F2* 164 strayner] strainer: *Q*:
 strayner: *F1*: strainer, *F2* 165 fauours] fauors *Q* originally:
 sauors *Re* 166 sauours] sauors *Q* 168 courtiery:] Courtiery,
Q originally: Courtiery; *Re* 169 kisses.] kisses. *Q* originally
 170 oath] oth *Q* originally 172 then *om.* *F2* 173 preferre *Re*,
Ff: preserue *Q* originally 175 clothes? *F2*: Clothes: *Q*: clothes:
F1 176 humour] humor *Q*

The Entertainment at Althrope. 127

With a plyant smile, and flatter,
 Though this lately were some matter 180
 To the making of a courtier.
 Now he hopes he shall resort there,
 Safer, and with more allowance ;
 Since a hand hath gouernance,
 That hath giuen those customes chase, 185
 And hath brought his owne in place.
 O that now a wish could bring
 The god-like person of a king ;
 Then should euen Enuy find
 Cause of wonder at the mind 190
 Of our wood-man : but loe, where
 His kingly image doth appeare,
 And is all this while neglected.
 Pardon (lord) you are respected
 Deepe as is the Keepers hart, 195
 And as deare in euery part.
 See, for instance, where he sends
 His son, his heire ; who humbly bends
 Low, as is his fathers earth,
 To the wombe that gaue you birth :
 So he was directed first.
 Next to you, of whom the thirst
 Of seeing takes away the vse
 Of that part, should plead excuse
 For his boldnesse, which is lesse 205
 By his comly shamefac'tnesse.
 Rise vp, sir, I will betray,
 All I thinke you haue to say ;
 That your father giues you here,
 (Freely as to him you were) 210

Here the
Satyre fetcht
 out of the
 wood, the
 Lord *Spencer's*
 eldest
 sonne, attyr'd
 and ap-
 pointed like a
 huntsman.

179 flatter, *Re, Ff*: flatter; *Q* originally 187 bring] bring, *Fr*
 188 god-like] God-like *Q* king:] King; *Q* originally: King, *Re*:
 king, *Fr*: King; *F2* 189 find] find, *Fr* 193 neglected.]
 neglected: *Q* 197 instance,] instance *Q, Ff* 198 (note) sonne,]
 sonne *Q* 199 is *om. F2* 201 first, *Q*: first, *Ff* 205 bold-
 nesse,] boldnesse; *Q* originally 206 shamefac'tnesse] shame-
 fastnesse *Q*

- To the seruice of this Prince :
 And with you these instruments
 Of his wild and *Syluan* trade,
 Better not A C T E O N had.
 215 The bow was P H Œ B E S, and the horne
 By O R I O N often worne :
 The dog of *Sparta* breed, and good,
 As can ring within a wood ;
 Thence his name is : you shall try
 220 How he hunteth instantly.
 But perhaps the Queene your mother,
 Rather doth affect some other
 Sport, as coursing : we will proue
 Which her highnesse most doth loue.
 225 *Satyres* let the woods resound,
 They shall haue their welcome crown'd,
 With a brace of bucks to ground.

- At that, the whole wood and place resounded with the noyse of
 cornets, hornes, and other hunting musique, and a brace
 230 of choise Deere put out, and as fortunately kill'd, as they
 were meant to be ; euen in the sight of her Maiestie.*

- This was the first nights shew. Where the next day being Sun-
 day, shee rested, and on Munday, till after dinner ; where
 there was a speech sodainly thought on, to induce a morrise
 235 of the clownes thereabout, who most officiously presented
 themselues, but by reason of the throng of the countrey that
 came in, their speaker could not be heard, who was in the
 person of No-body, to deliuer this following speech, and
 attyred in a paire of breeches which were made to come vp
 240 to his neck, with his armes out at his pockets, and a cap
 drowning his face.*

215 horne] horne, Q, Ff 218 ring . . . wood] RING . . . WOOD G
 233 rested.] rested ; Q originally Munday] Monday Q 236
 themselues.] themselues ; Q originally 237 speaker Ff : speech Q
 originally : Speaker Re heard] hard Re 238 speech,] speech,
 Q originally : speech Re

IF my outside moue your laughter,
Pray I o v e, my inside be thereafter.

Queene, Prince, Duke, Earles,
Countesses ; you courtly Pearles : 245

(And, I hope no mortall sinne,
If I put lesse Ladies in)

Faire saluted be you all.

At this time it doth befall,

We are the Huisher to a Morrise, 250

(A kind of Masque) whereof good store is

In the countrey hereabout,

But this, the choise of all the rout.

Who, because that no man sent them,

Haue got N o - b o d i e to present them. 255

These are things haue no suspicion

Of their ill doing ; nor ambition

Of their well : but as the Pipe

Shall inspire them, meane to skip.

They come to see, and to be seene, 260

And though they dance afore the Queene,

Ther's none of these doth hope to come by

Wealth, to build another *Holmby* :

All those dauncing dayes are done,

Men must now haue more then one 265

Grace, to build their fortunes on,

Else our soles would sure haue gone,

All by this time to our feete.

I not deny, where Graces meete

In a man, that qualitie 270

Is a gracefull propertie :

But when dauncing is his best,

(Beshrew me) I suspect the rest.

But I am N o - b o d i e, and my breath

(Soone as it is borne) hath death. 275

243 IOVE, *Fr* : *Ioue* ; *Q* originally : *Ioue*, *Re* : JOVE, *F2* 246'
247 (And, . . . in) *Re*, *Ff* : And, . . . in *Q* originally 248 all.] all.
Q originally 256 things . . . suspicion] things . . . suspicion : *Q*
originally : Things . . . suspicion *Re*

Come on clownes, forsake your dumps,
 And bestirre your hob-nail'd stumps,
 Doe your worst, Ile vndertake,
 Not a ierke you haue shall make
 280 Any Ladie here in loue.
 Perhaps your Foole, or so, may moue
 Some Ladies woman with a trick,
 And vpon it she may pick
 A paire of reuelling legs, or two,
 285 Out of you, with much adoe.
 But see, the Hobby-horse is forgot.
 Foole, it must be your lot,
 To supply his want with faces,
 And some other Buffon graces,
 290 You know how ; Piper play,
 And let no bodie hence away.

*There was also another parting Speech ; which was to haue
 beene presented in the person of a youth, and accompanied
 with diuers gentlemens younger sonnes of the country :*
 295 *but by reason of the multitudinous presse, was also hindred.
 And which we haue here adioyned.*

And will you then, *Mirror of Queenes*, depart ?
 Shall nothing stay you ? not my Masters heart ?
 That pants to leese the comfort of your light,
 300 And see his Day ere it be old grow Night ?
 You are a Goddess, and your will be done :
 Yet this our last hope is, that as the Sunne
 Cheeres obiects farre remou'd, as well as neere ;
 So, where so'ere you shine, you'le sparkle here.
 305 And you deare Lord, on whom my couetous eye
 Doth feed it selfe, but cannot satisfie,

282 woman] womam Re 291 no body] Nobody G *Here the*
morris-dancers entered. add G 292-3 *was to haue beene presented]*
was presented to haue beene Q originally 293 *accompanied]* accom-
 paine'd Q 294 *younger]* yonger Q *country:]* Countrey, Q 298
 heart ?] heart Q

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O shoot vp fast in spirit, as in yeares ;
That when vpon her head proud *Europe* weares
Her stateliest tire, you may appeare thereon
The richest gem, without a paragon. 310
Shine bright and fixed as the Artick starre :
And when slow Time hath made you fit for warre,
Looke ouer the strict Ocean, and thinke where
You may but lead vs forth, that grow vp here
Against a day, when our officious swords 315
Shall speake our action better then our words.
Till then, all good euent conspire to crowne
Your parents hopes, our zeale, and your renowne.
Peace vsher now your steps, and where you come,
Be *Enuie* still strooke blind, and *Flatterie* dumbe. 320

310 gem,] Gem Q 319 Peace] Peace, Q After 320 Q adds
*Thus much (which was the least of the Entertainment in respect of the
reality, abundance, delicacie, and order of all things else) to doe that seruice-
able right, to his noble Friend, which his affection owes, and his Lordships
merit may challenge, the Author hath suffered to come out, and encounter
Censure : and not here vnneccessarily adioyned, being performed to the
same Queene & Prince ; who were no little part of these more labord and
Triumphall shewes. And to whose greatest part, he knowes the Ho. L. (had
he beene so blest as to haue seene him at his Lodge) would haue stretcht in
obseruance, though he could not in Loue or zeale. | FINIS. In the preceding
note Q had originally 'entertainment' and 'reality abundance'*

THE ENTERTAINMENT AT
HIGHGATE

THE TEXT.

This and the two following pieces were published for the first time in the Folio of 1616, where they completed the group of royal shows which began with the Coronation entertainment of 1604. Probably Jonson planned to print the Highgate entertainment along with its predecessor, thus making up the 'other Additions' specified on the title-page of *The King's Entertainment* in London. The words '*By the same Author*' in the heading suggest this. They should, of course, have been deleted in an edition of the collected works. So should the subscription 'BEN IONSON' at the end of the piece, and 'The Author B.I.' appended to the two entertainments at Theobalds.

Gifford renamed this piece '*The Penates*'.

A
PRIVATE ENTERTAINMENT

of the KING and QUEENE, on May-
day in the Morning,

At Sir WILLIAM CORNVALLEIS
his house, at High-gate. 1604.

By the same Author.

THE king, and queene being entred in at the gate, the
PENATES, or household-gods receiued them, attir'd
after the antique mannner, with iauelines in their hands,
standing on each side of the porch, with this speech.

5

PENATES.

I.

LEape light hearts in euery brest,
Ioy is now the fittest passion ;
Double maiestie hath blest
All the place, with that high grace,
Exceedeth admiration !

10

2.

Welcome, monarch of this Isle,
Europes enuie, and her merror ;
Great in each part of thy stile :
Englands wish, and Scotlands blisse,
Both France, and Irelands terror.

15

I.

Welcome, are you ; and no lesse,
Your admired queene : the glory
Both of state, and comelinesse.
Euery line of her diuine
Forme, is a beautious storie.

20

2.

High in fortune, as in blood,
So are both ; and blood renowned
By oft falls, that make a flood
In your veines : yet, all these streines
Are in your vertues drowned. 25

I.

House, be proud ; For of earth's store
These two, onely, are the wonder :
In them shee's rich, and in no more.
Zeale is bound their prayse to sound
As loud as fame, or thunder. 30

2.

Note, but how the ayre, the spring
Concurre in their deuotions ;
Payres of Turtles sit, and sing
On each tree, ore-ioy'd to see
In them like loue, like motions. 35

I.

Enter sir, this longing dore,
Whose glad lord nought could haue blessed
Equally ; (I'am sure not more)
Then this sight : saue of your right,
When you were first possessed. 40

2.

That, indeed, transcended this.
Since which houre, wherein you gayn'd it,
For this grace, both he and his,
Euery day, haue learn'd to pray,
And, now, they haue obtayn'd it. 45

*Here the P E N A T E S lead them in, through the house, into
the garden, where M E R C U R Y, with a second speech,
receiued them, walking before them.*

M E R. Retyre, you houshold-gods, and leaue these excel-
 50 lent creatures to be entertayned by a more eminent deitie.
 Hayle King, and Queene of the Islands, call'd truely for-
 tunate, and by you made so ; To tell you, who I am, and
 weare all these notable, and speaking ensignes about me,
 were to challenge you of most impossible ignorance, and
 55 accuse my selfe of as palpable glorie : It is inough that you
 know me here, and come with the licence of my father I O V E,
 who is the bountie of heauen, to giue you early welcome to
 the bower of my mother M A I A, no lesse the goodnesse of
 earth. And may it please you to walke, I will tell you no
 60 wonderfull storie. This place, whereon you are now ad-
 uanced (by the mightie power of *Poetrie*, and the helpe of a
 faith, that can remoue mountaynes) is the *Arcadian* hill
 C Y L L E N E, the place, where my selfe was both begot, and
 borne ; and of which I am frequently call'd C Y L L E N I V S :
 65 Vnder yond' purslane tree stood sometime my cradle. Where,
 now, behold my mother M A I A, sitting in the pride of her
 plentie, gladding the aire with her breath, and cheering the
 spring with her smiles. At her feet, the blushing A V R O R A,
 who, with her rosie hand, casteth her honie dewes on
 70 those sweeter herbs, accompanied with that gentle winde,
 F A V O N I V S, whose subtile spirit, in the breathing forth,
 F L O R A makes into flowers, and sticks them in the grasse,
 as if shee contended to haue the imbroyderie of the
 earth, richer then the cope of the skie. Here, for her
 75 moneth, the yeerely delicate *May* keepes state ; and from
 this *Mount*, takes pleasure to display these valleyes, yond'
 lesser hills, those statelier edifices, and towers, that seeme
 enamour'd so farre off, and are rear'd on end, to behold her,
 as if their vtmost object were her beauties. Hither the
 80 *Dryads* of the valley, and *Nymphs* of the great riuer come
 euery morning, to taste of her fauors ; and depart away with
 laps fill'd with her bounties. But, see ! vpon your approach
 their pleasures are instantly remitted. The birds are hush'd,
 Z E P H Y R E is still, the M O R N E forbeares her office,

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FLORA is dumbe, and herselfe amazed, to behold two 85
such maruailes, that doe more adorne place, then shee can
time ; Pardon, your Maiestie, the fault, for it is that hath
caus'd it ; and till they can collect their spirits, thinke
silence, and wonder the best adoration.

Here, AVRORA, ZEPHYRVS, and FLORA, began 90
this song in three parts.

S O N G.

S Ee, see, & see, who here is come a Maying !
The master of the Ocean ;
And his beautious O R I A N : 95
Why left we off our playing ?
To gaze, to gaze,
On them, that gods no lesse then men amaze.
Vp *Nightingale*, and sing
Iug, jug, jug, jug, &c. 100
Raise *Larke* thy note, and wing,
All birds their musique bring,
Sweet *Robin, Linet, Thrush*,
Record, from euery bush,
The welcome of the King ; 105
And Queene :
Whose like were neuer seene,
For good, for faire.
Nor can be ; though fresh *May*,
Should euery day 110
Inuite a seuerall paire,
No, though shee should inuite a seuerall paire.

*Which ended : M A I A (seated in her bower, with all those per-
sonages about her, as before describ'd) began to raise her
selfe, and, then declining, spake.* 115

M A I. If all the pleasures were distill'd
Of eu'ry flower, in euery field,
And all that H Y B L A hiues do yeild

- Were into one broad mazor fild ;
 120 If, thereto, added all the gummess,
 And spice, that from P A N C H A I A comes,
 The odour, that H Y D A S P E S lends
 Or P H Œ N I X proues, before she ends ;
 If all the Ayre, my F L O R A drew,
 125 Or spirit, that Z E P H Y R E euer blew ;
 Were put therein ; and all the dew
 That euer rosy *Morning* knew ;
 Yet, all diffus'd vpon this bower,
 To make one sweet detayning houre,
 130 Were much too little for the grace,
 And honor, you vouchsafe the place.
 But, if you please to come againe,
 We vow, we will not then, with vaine,
 And empty passe-times entertayne
 135 Your so desir'd, though griued payne.
 For, we will haue the wanton fawnes,
 That frisking skip, about the lawnes,
 The *Paniskes*, and the *Siluanes* rude,
Satyres, and all that multitude,
 140 To daunce their wilder rounds about,
 And cleaue the ayre, with many a shout,
 As they would hunt poore *Echo* out
 Of yonder valley, who doth flout
 Their rusticke noyse. To visite whome
 145 You shall behold whole beuies come
 Of gaudy *Nymphes*, who(se) tender calls
 Well tun'd (vnto the many falls
 Of sweete, and seuerall sliding rills,
 That streame from tops of those lesse hills)
 150 Sound like so many siluer quills
 When Z E P H Y R E them with musique fills.
 For these, F A V O N I V S here shall blow
 New flowers, which you shall see to grow,

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Of which, each hand a part shall take,
And, for your heads, fresh garlands make. 155
Wherewith, whilst they your temples round,
An ayre of seuerall birds shall sound
An *Ið pæan*, that shall drowne
The acclamations, at your crowne.

All this, and more then I haue gift of saying, 160
MAY vows, so you will oft come here a *Maying*.

MER. And MERCVRV, her sonne, shall venture the displeasure of his father, with the whole bench of *Heauen*, that day, but he will doe his mothers intents all seruiceable assistance. Till then, and euer, liue high and happy, you, 165 and your other you ; both enuied for your fortunes, lou'd for your graces, and admired for your vertues.

This was the mornings entertaynment ; after dinner, the King, and Queene comming againe into the garden, MERCVRV the second time accosted them. 170

MER. Againe, great payre, I salute you ; and with leaue of all the gods : whose high pleasure it is, that MERCVRV make this your holy-day. May all the blessings both of earth, and heauen, concurre to thanke you : For till this dayes sunne, I haue faintly inioy'd a minutes rest to my 175 creation. Now, I do, and acknowledge it you(r) sole, and no lesse the(n) diuine benefit. If my desire to delight you, might not diuert to your trouble, I would intreat your eyes to a new, and strange spectacle ; a certaine sonne of mine, whom the *Arcadians* call a god, howsoeuer the rest of the 180 world receiue him : It is the horned PAN, whom in the translated figure of a goate I begot on the faire *Spartan* PENELOPE ; MAY, let both your eares, and lookes forgiue it : These are but the lightest escapes of our Deities. And, it is better in me, to preuent his rusticke impudence, by 185 my blushing acknowledgement, then, anon, by his rude, and not insolent clayme, be enforced to confesse him. Yonder hee keepes, and with him the wood *Nymphes*, whose leader

155 garlands] gyrlands F2
then] the F1 : than F2

176 your F2 : you F1 177

he is in rounds, and daunces, to this *Syluane* musique. The
 190 place, about which they skip, is the fount of laughter, or
 B A C C H V S spring ; whose statue is aduanced on the top ;
 and from whose pipes, at an obseru'd howre of the day,
 there flowes a lustie liquor, that hath the present vertue to
 expell sadnesse ; and within certaine minutes after it is
 195 tasted, force all the myrth of the spleene into the face. Of
 this is P A N the Guardian. Loe ! the fountain begins to
 run, but the Nymphes at your sight are fled. P A N, and
 his *Satyres* wildly stand at gaze. I will approach, and ques-
 tion him : vouchsafe your eare, and forgiue his behauiour,
 200 which (euen to me, that am his parent) will no doubt be
 rude ynough, though otherwise full of salt, which, except
 my presence did temper, might turne to be gall, and bitter-
 nesse ; but that shall charme him.

P A N. O, it is M E R C V R Y ! Hollow 'hem, agen,
 205 What be all these, father ? gods, or men ?

M E R. All humane. Onely, these two are deities on
 earth, but such, as the greatest powers of heauen may
 resigne to.

P A N. Why did our Nymphes run away ? can you tell ?
 210 Here be sweet beauties loue M E R C V R Y well ;
 I see by their lookes. How say you ? great master ?
 Will you please to heere ? Shall I be your taster ?

M E R. P A N, you are too rude. P A N. It is but a glasse,
 By my beard, and my hornes, 'tis a health, and shall passe.
 215 Were he a king, and his mistresse a queene,
 This draught shall make him a petulant spleene.
 But, trow, is he loose, or costiuē of laughter ?
 I'd know, to fill him his glasse, thereafter.
 Sure, either my skill, or my sight doth mock,
 220 Or this lordings looke should not care for the smock ;
 And yet he should loue both a horse and a hound,
 And not rest till he saw his game on the ground :

198 wildly] wisely F3 210 well:] well? Ff 211 *Advances to the*
King. add G 214 and my] and by my F2 'tis] tis Fx 215
 queene,] queene F1: Queene, F2 218 thereafter.] thereafter, F1

Well, looke to him, Dame ; beshrow me, were I
 'Mongst these bonny-bells, you should need a good eye.
 Here mistresse ; all out. Since a god is your skinker : 225
 By my hand, I beleue you were borne a good drinker.
 They are things of no spirit, their blood is asleepe,
 That, when it is offred 'hem, do not drinke deepe.

Come, who is next ? Our liquour here cooles.
 Ladies, I'am sure, you all ha' not fooles 230
 At home to laugh at. A little of this,
 Tane downe here in priuate, were not amisse.
 Beleue it, she drinckes like a wench, that had store
 Of lord for her laughter, will you haue more ?

What answere you, lordings ? will you any, or none ? 235
 Laugh, and be fat, sir, your penance is knowne.
 They that loue mirth, let 'hem heartily drinke,
 'Tis the only receipt, to make sorrow sinke.

The yong Nymph, that's troubled with an old man,
 Let her laugh him away, as fast as he can. 240

Nay drinke, and not pause, as who would say must you ?
 But laugh at the wench, that next doth trust you.

To you, sweet beauty ; nay, 'pray you come hether :
 E're you sit out, yow'le laugh at a fether.

Ile neuer feare you, for being too wittie, 245
 You sip, so like a forsooth of the citie.

Lords, for your selues, your owne cups crowne,
 The ladies, i' faith, else will laugh you downe.

Goe to, little blushet, for this, anan,
 Yow'le steale forth a laugh in the shade of your fan. 250

This, and another thing, I can tell you,
 Will breed a laughter, as low as your belly.

Of such sullen pieces, I o v e send vs not many,
 They must be tickled, before they will any.

What, haue we done ? They that want, let 'hem call. 255
 Gallants, of both sides, you see here is all

223 me,] me Ff 228 'hem, F2 : 'hem Fr 240 he] she W
 248 i'faith] ifaith Ff 251 you] ye G 252 belly. F2: belly Fr
 255 What,] What Ff: What ? G call.] call, Fr 256 all] all. Ff

P A N's entertaynment : Looke for no more.

Only, good faces, I reed you, make store

Of your amorous Knights, and Squiers hereafter,

260 They are excellent sponges, to drinke vp your laughter.

Farewell, I must seeke out my *Nymphs*, that you frighted ;

Thanke H E R M E S, my father, if ought haue delighted.

M E R. I am sure, thy last rudenesse cannot ; for it makes me seriously asham'd. I will not labor his excuse,

265 since I know you more readie to pardon, then he to trespassse : but, for your singular patience, tender you all

aboundance of thanks ; and, mixing with the Master of the place, in his wishes, make them my diuinations : That

your loues be euer flourishing as May, and your house as

270 fruitfull : That your acts exceed the best, and your yeares the longest of your predecessors : That no bad fortune

touch you, nor good change you. But still, that you

triumph, in this facilitie, ouer the ridiculous pride of other

Princes ; and for euer liue safe in the loue, rather then the

275 feare of your subiects.

And thus it ended.

B E N. I O N S O N.

THE ENTERTAINMENT OF THE
TWO KINGS AT THEOBALDS

THE TEXT.

First published in the Folio of 1616. The opening greeting in English is found in Jonson's autograph among the Cecil Papers at Hatfield (volume 144, page 272). As Jonson wrote it, it ran

Enter, o long'd-for Guests ; blesse, blesse these bowers,
And vs, the three (by you made happy) Howers ;
We that include all time, yet neuer knew
Minute like this, or Spectacle like you :

Two Kings, the World's prime Honors, whose accesse
Shewes eythers greatnesse, yet makes neyther, lesse :
Vouchsafe yo^r thousand welcomes in this shewer
The Master vowes, not Sibyll's leaues were truer

But the original readings of the first and fourth lines have been corrected in the manuscript by the first Earl of Salisbury to the form in which they appear in the printed text : ' Guests ; blesse ' bracketed and ' Princes ' written over it ; ' Spectacle ' is bracketed, ' Obiect ' written over it, and ' to ' inserted with a caret mark before ' you '. Are these the Earl's own suggestions ? He may have felt that ' Guests ' would apply to any visitor and may have criticized ' Spectacle ' as a dubious compliment. At any rate these changes made in the Earl's handwriting took their place in Jonson's printed text.

The entertainment of the two Kings of Great BRITAIN and DENMARKE

at THEOBALDS, July 24. 1606.

THe Kings being entred the inner Court ; aboue, ouer the porch, sate the three Howers, vpon clouds, as at the ports of Heauen ; crown'd with seuerall flowers : of which, one bore a Sunne-diall ; the other, a Clock ; the third, an Hower-glasse ; signifying as by their names, Law, Iustice, and Peace. And for those faculties chosen to gratulate their comming with this speech.

- E**Nter, ô long'd-for Princes, blesse these bowers,
And vs, the three, by you made happie, *Howers* :
- 10 We that include all Time, yet neuer knew
Minute like this, or obiect like to you.
Two Kings, the worlds prime honors, whose accesse
Shewes eithers greatnesse, yet makes neither lesse :
Vouchsafe your thousand welcomes in this shewer ;
- 15 The Master vowes, not SYBILL's leaues were truer.
Express'd to the King of DENMARKE thus.
- Qui colit has ædeis, ingentia gaudia adumbrans,
Cernendo Reges pace coïre pares,
Nos tempestiuas, ad limina, collocat Horas,*
- 20 *Quòd bona sub nobis omnia proueniant.
Vnum ad lætitiæ cumulum tristatur abesse,
Quòd nequeat signis lætitiàm exprimere.
Sed, quia res solùm ingentes hâc parte laborant,
Vtcunq; expressam credidit esse satis.*
- 25 *At, quod non potuit Dominus, suppleuit abundè
Fronoso tellus munere facta loquax.
Eccos quàm grati veniant quos terra salutât !
Verior his folijs nulla SYBILLA fuit.*

8 long'd-for MS: long'd for Ff Princes,] Guests; blesse, MS·
originally 11 obiect like to] Spectacle like MS originally 23
laborant, F2: laborant F1 25 abundè] abund'e F1: abunde F2

The Inscriptions on the walls were,
DATE VENIAM SVBITIS.
DEBENTVR QVÆSVNT QVÆQ; FVTVRA.

EPIGRAMMES *hung vp.*

Ad Reges Serenissimos.

SÆpè THEOBALDAE (*sortis bonitate beatæ*)
Excepère suos sub pia tecta deos ; 35
Haud simul at geminos : sed enim potuisse negabant :
Nec fas est tales posse putare duos.
Fortunata antehâc, sed nunc domus undique fælix,
At Dominus quantò (si licet usque) magis !
Et licet, ð MAGNI, folijs si fiditis istis, 40
Quêis HORAE summam contribuere fidem.

Ad Serenissimum IACOBVM.

Miraris, cur hospitio te accepimus HORAE,
Cuius ad obsequium non satis annus erat ?
Nempè quòd adueniant ingentia gaudia rarò, 45
Et quando adueniant vix datur hora frui.

Ad Serenissimum CHRISTIANVM.

Miraris, cur hospitio te accepimus HORAE,
Quas Solis famulas Græcia docta vocat ?
Talis ab aduentu vestro lux fulsit in ædeis, 50
Vt Dominus solem crederet esse nouum.

Others, at their departure.

Ad Serenissimum IACOBVM.

Hospitio qui te cepit, famulantibus Horis,
Cedere abhinc, nullâ concomitante, sinit ; 55
Nempe omneis horas veniendi duxit amicas,
Sed discedendi nulla minuta probat.

54 cepit F2 : cepit F1
amicas, F2 : amicas F1

55 concomitante,] concomitante Ff 56

Ad Serenissimum CHRISTIANVM.

Te veniente, nouo domus hæc frondebat amictu ;

Te discessuro, non prout ante viret :

Nempe, sub accessu solis, nouus incipit Annus,

Et, sub discessu, squalida sæuit Hyems.

The Author B. I.

AN ENTERTAINMENT OF THE
KING AND QUEEN AT
THEOBALDS

THE TEXT

First printed in the Folio of 1616. An earlier draft of the verses only up to line 125 without the descriptive notes is in British Museum Additional MS. 34,218 on folios 23*b*–24*b*, a collection of papers mainly relating to Francis Fane, who was created Earl of Westmoreland in 1624. It is a slovenly transcript, ill-spelt, unpunctuated and careless, but it preserves six lines which Jonson cancelled in the printed text after lines 66, 99, and a fragment of what was perhaps a cancelled couplet after line 72. Two lines (45–6) were added in the printed text. Jonson evidently felt that ‘What sight is this, so strange ! and full of state !’ would gain by being elucidated.

The concluding song ‘O blessed change !’ is in the Cecil Papers at Hatfield (volume 144, p. 271). It has the trivial change ‘and’ for ‘or’ in line 137.

After the text had been printed, a second manuscript was found in the Library of All Souls’ College, Oxford, MS. no. clv, folios 319–21*a*. It has the variants of the first draft noted above, and a few additional readings:—‘louinge’ for ‘loued’ in l. 15; ‘that’ for ‘when’, l. 65; ‘greater’ for ‘better’, l. 77; ‘buildings’ for ‘dwelling’, l. 82. After line 94 it adds ‘Attend the rest’. In l. 84 it has ‘Continue’ as in the printed text. It ends at line 125.

An Entertainment of King IAMES and Queene
ANNE, at THEOBALDS, When the House was
deliuered vp, with the possession, to the Q V E E N E,
by the Earle of SALISBVRIE,
22. of M A Y, 1607.

The Prince I A N V I L E, brother to the Duke of
G V I S E, being then present.

THe King, and Queene, with the Princes of Wales, and
Lorraine, and the Nobilitie, being entred into the gallerie,
after dinner ; there was seene nothing but a trauerse of white,
acrosse the roome : which sodainely drawne, was discouered
5 a gloomie obscure place, hung all with black silkes, and in it
only one light, which the G E N I V S of the house held, sadly
attir'd ; his Cornucopia readie to fall out of his hand, his
gyrland drooping on his head, his eyes fixed on the ground ;
when, out of this pensiuue posture, after some little pause, he
10 brake, and began.

G E N I V S.

LEt not your glories darken, to behold
The place, and me, her G E N I V S here, so sad ;
Who, by bold Rumor, haue beene lately told,
15 That I must change the loued Lord, I had.
And he, now, in the twy-light of sere age,
Begin to seeke a habitation new ;
And all his fortunes, and himselfe engage
Vnto a seat, his fathers neuer knew.
20 And I, vncertaine what I must endure,
Since all the ends of dest'ny' are obscure.

*Here a voice was heard, from behind the darknesse, which bade
him,*

M E R C V R I E.

25 Despaire not, G E N I V S, thou shalt know thy fate.

14 by bold Rumor] in a vision MS beene] her MS (*query* ben) 17
a] an MS 18 engage] a gage MS

The King and Queen at Theobalds. 155

And withall, the black vanishing, was discovered a glorious place, figuring the Lararium, or seat of the household-gods, where both the Lares, and Penates, were painted, in copper colours ; erected with Columnes and Architrabe, Freeze, and Coronice, in which were placed diuers Diaphanall glasses, 30 fill'd with seuerall waters, that shew'd like so many stones, of orient and transparent hiewes. Within, as farder off, in **Landschap**, were seene clouds riding, and in one corner, a boy figuring Good Euent, attyred in white, houering in the ayre, with wings displayed, hauing nothing seene to sustaine him 35 by, all the time the Shew lasted : At the other corner, a M E R C V R I E descended, in a flying posture, with his Caduceus in his hand, who spake to the three P A R C A E, that sate low in a grate, with an yron roofe, the one holding the rocke, the other the spindle, and the third the sheeres, with a booke of Adamant 40 lying open before them. But first, the G E N I V S surpriz'd by wonder, urg'd this doubt, by question.

G E N I V S.

WHat sight is this, so strange ! and full of state !
The sonne of M A I A, making his descent 45
Vnto the fates, and met with good Euent.

M E R C V R I E.

Daughters of night, and secrecie, attend ;
You, that draw out the chayne of *Destinie*,
Vpon whose threds, both liues and times depend, 50
And all the periods of mortalitie.
The will of I O V E is, that you streight doe looke
The change, and fate vnto this house decreed,
And speaking from your Adamantine booke,
Vnto the G E N I V S of the place it read ; 55
That he may know, and knowing, blesse his lot,
That such a grace, beyond his hopes, hath got.

29 colours] colour F2
Caduceus on F1
46 good] good Ff

34 Good] Good Ff
43 GENIUS] Aside. add G
56 blesse] blest MS

37 Caduceus in F2 :
45-6 not in MS

C L O T H O.

- When, vnderneath thy rooffe, is seene
 60 The greatest King, and fairest Queene,
 With Princes an vnmatched payre,
 One, hope of all the earth, their heyre ;
 The other styled of *Lorraine*,
 Their bloud ; and sprung from C H A R L E M A I N E :
 65 When all these Glories iointly shine,
 And fill thee with a heat diuine,
 And these reflected, doe beget
 A splendent Sunne, shall neuer set,
 But here shine fixed, to affright
 70 All after-hopes of following night,
 Then, G E N I V S, is thy period come,
 To change thy Lord : Thus, Fates doe doome.

G E N I V S.

- But is my Patron with this lot content,
 75 So to forsake his fathers moniment ?
 Or, is it gaine, or else necessitie,
 Or will to raise a house of better frame,
 That makes him shut forth his posteritie
 Out of his patrimonie, with his name ?

M E R C V R I E.

- 80 Nor gaine, nor need ; much lesse a vaine desire,
 To frame new roofes, or build his dwelling higher ;
 He hath, with mortar, busied beene too much,
 That his affections should continue such.

58 CLOTHO] [*reads.*] add G 61 an] and MS 63 styled] borne
 a Prince MS (*query*, borne Prince) 64 Their bloud ;] (Their blood)
 MS from] of MS 65 iointly] ioinctly MS After 66 MS. *adds* As
 yf the beames of every face | weare drawen wthin one Concaud glasse
 70 of] as MS 72 Thus] soe MS After 72 MS *assigns* to
 'Mercury' a fragmentary speech : That now. 75 moniment]
 monnement MS: monument F2 76 gaine,] gaine? MS 77
 a house] some house MS 84 continue] Containe MS

The King and Queen at Theobalds. 157

GENIVS.

85

Doe men take ioy in labors, not t(o)'enjoy ?
Or doth their businesse all their likings spend ?
Haue they more pleasure in a tedious way,
Then to repose them at their iourneys end ?

MERCVRIE.

90

GENIVS, obey, and not expostulate ;
It is your vertue : and such powers as you,
Should make religion of offending fate,
Whose doomes are iust, and whose signes are true.

LACHESIS.

95

The person, for whose royall sake,
Thou must a change so happie make,
Is he, that gouernes with his smile,
This lesser world, this greatest Isle.
His Ladies seruant thou must be ;
Whose second would great NATVRE see,
Or FORTVNE, after all their paine,
They might despaire to make againe.

ATROPOS.

She is the grace of all, that are :
And as ELISA, now a starre,
Vnto her crowne, and lasting praise,
Thy humbler walls (at first) did raise,
By vertue of her best Aspect ;
So shall BEL-ANNA them protect :
And this is all, the *Fates* can say ;
Which first beleue, and then obey.

86 to'enjoy] enioye MS 87 likings] liking MS 94 iust, and
whose signes are] Certaine: and whose Causes MS 98 Is] IMS
99 This] The MS After 99 MS adds The next to godhead, who
of grace | Soe ofte hath Chaungd thy masters name | And added honours
to thy place | By him vnlooked for till they came 103 They . . .
againel The . . . a gaine MS 106 ELISA] ELIZA Fa now a starre,
(nowe a starre) MS. 107 crowne, and lasting] lastinge Crowne and
MS 108 humbler] humble MS 110 BEL-ANNA] Bell Anna MS

GENIUS.

- Mourn'd I before? Could I commit a sinne
 115 So much 'gainst kind, or knowledge, to protract
 A ioy, to which I should haue rauish'd beene,
 And neuer shall be happie, till I act?
 Vouchsafe, faire Queene, my Patrons zeale in mee;
 Who flye with feruor, as my fate commands,
 120 To yeeld these keyes: and wish, that you could see
 My heart as open to you, as my hands.
 There might you read my faith, my thoughts—But ô,
 My ioyes like waues each other ouercome!
 And Gladnesse drownes where it begins to flow.
 125 Some greater Powers speake out, for mine are dumbe.

*At this, was the place fill'd with rare and choise Musique,
 to which was heard the following Song, deliuer'd by an excel-
 lent voice, and the burden maintain'd by the whole Quire.*

SONG.

- 130 O blessed change!
 And no lesse glad, then strange!
 Where, wee, that loose, haue wunne;
 And, for a beame, enioy a Sunne.
 135 C H O. { So, little sparkes become great fires,
 { And high rewards crowne low desires.
 Was neuer blisse
 More full, or cleare, then this!
 The present month of May
 Ne're look'd so fresh, as doth this day.
 140 C H O. { So, gentle winds breed happie springs,
 { And dutie thriues by breath of Kings.

The Author B. I.

115 'gainst] againste MS 119 fate] fates MS 122 might]
 shoulde MS ô,] O, MS: ô. Fr: ô F2 124 drownes] drownd
 MS 125 The MS ends at this line. 128 burden] bur den Fr 136
 neuer] ever F3 137 or] and Cecil MS.

II

MASQUES AT COURT

1605-1631

**THE MASQUES OF BLACKNESS
AND OF BEAUTY.**

THE TEXT

These masques were entered on the Stationers' Register by their publisher, Thomas Thorpe, on 21 April 1608. The entry is as follows :

Thomas Thorpe Entred for his copie vnder thandes of Sir
George Bucke and Thwardens The Characters of Twoo
Royall Maskes. Invented By Ben. Johnson vj^d
Arber, *Transcript*, iii. 375.

The Quarto announced that they were 'to be sold at the signe of the Tigers head'—i.e. by Laurence Lisle—in Paules Church-yard'.

The collation is—A 1 blank ; A 2 recto, the title-page, with the verso blank ; A 3 recto to E 2 verso, the text. The running-title is 'The Queenes Masques'.

In the same volume, the signatures continuous with the preceding, was *The Description of the Masque* at Lord Haddington's wedding on Shrove Tuesday 1608. This after-piece was not registered.

There are five variations in the catchwords : at A 3 recto 'PLYNIE' where the text has 'PLINIE,' (l. 15) ; at B 2 verso 'OCE.' where the text has 'OCEANUS' (l. 204) ; at C 1 recto 'ÆTHI.' where the text has 'ÆTHIOPIA' (l. 324) ; at C 2 verso 'colour' where the text has 'coullor' (l. 21) ; at D 2 verso 'DIGNI.' where the text has 'DIGNITAS' (l. 214).

Five copies of the Quarto have been collated for the text of the present edition :

(1, 2) Two copies in the British Museum, the Garrick copy with press-mark C. 34. d. 4, and the Heber copy, 841. a. 1, which is also stamped 'British Museum Sale duplicate 1787'.

(3) The copy in the Bodleian.

(4) The copy in the Library of the University of Cambridge, a British Museum duplicate sold in 1769.

(5) The late T. J. Wise's copy.

No variants have been detected in these copies.

The Garrick copy in the British Museum was Jonson's presentation copy to Queen Anne.

On the back of the blank leaf facing the title-page is this inscription :

D. Annæ
M. Britanniarū Insu. Hib. &c.
Reginæ
Feliciss. Formosiss.
Musæo
S.S.
Hunc librū vouit
Famæ & honori eius
Seruientiss.
imò addictissimus
Ben: Ionsonius
Victurūs Genium debet habere liber.

A manuscript of *The Masque of Blackness*, entitled 'The Twelvth nights Reuells' is in the British Museum, Royal MS. 17. B. xxxi. It is stamped on the cover 'G.R. 1757'. It is so important for the light it throws on Jonson's methods of work that we have reprinted it in full in an appendix. It is the copy submitted to the Queen for the performance on 6 January 1605. The text is written in the English script, except the songs and the oracle which are in the Italian hand. The manuscript is not holograph, but Jonson has signed it at the end 'Hos ego versiculos feci. Ben: Jonson.' J. P. Collier printed it among *Five Court Masques* appended to Peter Cunningham's *Life of Inigo Jones*, which the old Shakespere Society issued in 1848.

The descriptions of the scenery and the dresses are much less detailed. The present tense is used throughout; for instance, 'The *Masquers* are placed in an entire concaue shell of mother of pearle' (l. 59), 'Here the *Tritons* sound and they daunce on shore' (l. 266). The list of the masquers and the description of their symbolic fans (ll. 274-290) are not given; of course Jonson's elaborate notes were an afterthought.

Only in one passage does the manuscript make good a defective reading of the Quarto and the Folio. It is in the

description of the attire of the masquers, 'the colours, azure, and siluer; but returned on the top with a scroll and antique dressing of feathers, and iewells interlaced with ropes of pearle' (ll. 73-76). The manuscript reads, 'Their cullo^{rs} azure, and siluer; their hayre thicke, and curled vpright in tresses, lyke *Pyramids*, but retoorninge in the top; wth a dressinge of feathers, and Iewells.' A line of description evidently dropped out in the Quarto text, and Jonson did not supply it in the Folio.¹

A minor correction which we have accepted from the manuscript is 'Aboue' for 'About' in l. 211. 'Bright HESPERVS' for 'Sweete *Hesperus*' in l. 245 is probably Jonson's correction. Two descriptive notes of the manuscript are not reproduced in the Quarto: after the first song (l. 108), 'W^{ch} ended, and the Musique ceasinge *Oceanus* provokes *Niger* as followeth', and after l. 323, 'Att this *Aethiopia* speakes againe'. Mistakes of the manuscript, which Jonson should have corrected, are 'Landtscope' (l. 24), 'store' for 'shore' (l. 225), and the odd 'makes thunder singe' for 'makes all tongues sing' (l. 251).

¹ Miss Edith S. Hooper called attention to this passage in an article on 'The Text of Ben Jonson' contributed to *The Modern Language Review*, 1917, vol. xii, pp. 350-2. She quoted it to show that editors of Jonson should not rely on the Folio, as if a lapse of this kind was a normal feature of its text.

THE CHARACTERS

of

Two royall Masques.

The one of BLACKNESSE,

The other of BEAVTIE.

perfonated

By the most magnificent of Queenes

ANNE

Queene of great Britaine, &c.

With her honorable Ladyes,

1605. and 1608.

at White-Hall:

and

Inuented by BEN: I O N S O N.

Ouid. —*Salus feſta dies, melior q̃ reuertere ſemper.*

Imprinted at London for *Thomas Thorp*, and are to
be ſold at the ſigne of the Tigers head
in Paules Church-yard.

The title-page of the Quarto, 1608

M A S Q V E S
AT
C O V R T.

The Author B. I.

OVID.

—*Salve festa dies, meliorq₃ reuertere semper.*

L O N D O N ,

M. DC. XVI.

The title-page in the Folio of 1616 : in the Folio of 1640 with
Richard Bishop's device (McKerrow, 393) and imprint

THE QUEENES MASQVES.

The first, OF BLACKNESSE:

*Personated at the Court, at WHITE-HALL, on
the Twelu'th night,
1605.*

THE honor, and splendor of these *spectacles* was such in the performance, as could those houres haue lasted, this of mine, now, had been a most vnprofitable worke. But (when it is the fate, euen of the greatest, and most absolute births, to need, and borrow a life of posteritie) little had 5 beene done to the studie of *magnificence* in these, if presently with the rage of the people, who (as a part of greatnesse) are priuiledged by custome, to deface their *carkasses*, the *spirits* had also perished. In dutie, therefore, to that *Maiestie*, who gaue them their authoritie, and grace; and, no lesse then the most royall of predecessors, deserues eminent celebration for these solemnities: I adde this later hand, to redeeme them as well from Ignorance, as Enuie, two common euills, the one of *censure*, the other of *obliuion*.

^a PLINY, ^b SOLINVS, ^c PTOLOMEY, and of late LEO ^d the *African*, remember vnto vs a riuer in *Ethiopia*, famous by the name of *Niger*; of which the people were called *Nigritæ*, now *Negro's*: and are the blackest nation of the world. This ^e riuer taketh spring out of a certaine lake, east-ward; and after a long race, falleth into the westerne Ocean. Hence (because it was her Maiesties will, to haue them *Black-mores* at first) the inuention was deriued by me, and presented thus.

First, for the *Scene*, was drawne a *Landschap*, consisting

a *Natu. Hist.*
l. 5 cap. 8.
b *Polyhist.*
cap. 40. & 43.
c *Lib 4. cap. 5.*
d *Descrip.*
Afric.
e Some take it
to be the same
with *Nilus*,
which is by
Lucan called
Melas, signi-
fying *Niger*.
Howsoeuer,
Plinie, in the
place aboue
noted, hath
this: *Nigri*
fluuio eadem
natura, quæ
Nilo, calamum,
papyrus, &
easdem gignit
animantes.
See *Solin.*
aboue men-
tioned.

3 worke.] worke: Q
15 PTOLEMEY] PTOLOMAEE Q

15 note 'b.' *Polyhist.*] *Poly. hist.* Q, Ff
24 *Landschap*] *Landtschape* Q

f The forme
of these Tri-
tons, with
their trum-
pets, you may
read lively
describ'd, in
*Ovid. Meta-
mor. l. i. Cæ-
ruleum Tri-
tona vocat,
&c. and in
Virg. Æneid.
l. 10. Hunc ve-
hil immanis
Triton, & se-
quent.*

g Lucian. in
PHTOP. δι-
δαα. presents
Nilus so. Equo
fluuiatili insiden-
tem. And
Stattius Nep-
tune. in Theb.
h The ancients
induc'd
Oceanus al-
wayes with a
Bulls head :
propter vim
veniorum, à
quibus incit-
atur, & im-
pelliur : vel
quia Tauris si-
mitem fremitu
emittit,
vel quia tan-
quam Taurus
furibundus, in
littora feratur,
Euripid. in
Oreste.

Ῥέτανας ὃν ταυρόκρανος ἀγκάλαις ἑλισσων κυκλεῖ χθόνα. And riuers sometimes were so called. Looke *Virg. de Tiberi, & Eridano. Geor. 4. Æneid. 8. Hor. Car. l. 4. Ode. 14. and Eurip. in Ione.*

25 of small woods, and here and there a void place fill'd with
 huntings ; which falling, an artificiall sea was seene to shoote
 forth, as if it flowed to the land, rayseed with waues, which
 seemed to moue, and in some places the billow to breake,
 as imitating that orderly disorder, which is common in
 nature. In front of this sea were placed sixe ^f *Tritons*, in
 mouing, and sprightly actions, their vpper parts humane,
 may saue that their haire was blue, as partaking of the sea-
 colour : their desinent parts, fish, mounted about their
 heads, and all varied in disposition. From their backs were
 borne out certaine light pieces of taffata, as if carryed by the
 at, winde, and their musique made out of wreathed shells.
 Behind these, a paire of *Sea-maides*, for song, were as con-
 spicuously seated ; betweene which, two great *Sea-horses*
 (as bigge as the life) put forth themselues ; the one mount-
 ing aloft, and writhing his head from the other, which seemed
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OCEANVS, presented in a humane forme, the colour of his flesh, blue; and shaddowed with a robe of sea-green; his head grey; and ^bhorned; as he is described by the *Ancients*: his beard of the like mixt colour: hee was gyrlonded with *Alga*, or sea-grasse; and in his hand a *Trident*.

N I G E R, in forme and colour of an *Ethiope* ; his haire, and rare beard curled, shaddowed with a blue, and bright mantle : his front, neck, and wrists adorned with pearle, and crowned, with an artificiall wreathe of cane, and paper-rush.

These induced the *Masquers*, which were twelve *Nymphs*,

28 billow] billows *F*2 32 partaking] pertaking *Q* 42 off] *Q* (*so* 78) 42 note 'g.' Διδασ. *Q* Διδας. *Ff* 46 grey *I* grey. *Q* 46 note 'h' α τ quibus *a* quibus *Q* Ωκεανος *δν* *Q*: Ωκεανος *δν* *F*1: Ωκεανος *δν* *F*2 ταυρόκρανος] ταυρόκρανος *F*1
 ἀγκάλαις *F*2: ἀγκάλαις *Q*: ἀγκάλαις *F*1 ἐλίσσων] ἐλίσσων, *Q*: ἐλίσσων *Ff*
 κυκλεῖ *Q*: κυκλεῖ *Ff* 47 colour:] colour. *Q*

Negro's ; and the daughters of N I G E R ; attended by so many of the <ⁱ> O C E A N <1> AE, which were their *light-bearers*. i The daughters of Oceanus and Tethys. See Hesiod. in Theogon. Orphe. in Hym. and Virgil. in Georg.

The *Masquers* were placed in a great concaue shell, like mother of pearle, curiously made to moue on those waters, and rise with the billow ; the top thereof was stuck with a *cheu'ron* of lights, which, indented to the proportion of the shell, strooke a glorious beame vpon them, as they were seated, one aboue another : so that they were all seene, but in an extrauagant order. 65

On sides of the shell, did swim sixe huge *Sea-monsters*, varied in their shapes, and dispositions, bearing on their backs the twelue *torch-bearers* ; who were planted there in seuerall greces ; so as the backs of some were seene ; some in *purple*, or side ; others in face ; and all hauing their lights burning 70 out of *whelks*, or *murex* shells.

The attyre of <the> *Masquers* was alike, in all, without difference : the colours, *azure*, and *siluer* ; <their hayre thicke, and curled vpriight in tresses, lyke *Pyramids*,> but returned on the top with a scroll and antique dressing of feathers, and 75 iewells interlaced with ropes of pearle. And, for the front, eare, neck, and wrists, the ornament was of the most choise and orient pearle ; best setting off from the black.

For the *light-bearers*, *sea-greene*, waued about the skirts with gold and siluer ; their haire loose, and flowing, gyrlanded 80 with sea-grasse, and that stuck with branches of corall.

These thus presented, the *Scene* behind, seemed a vast sea (and vnited with this that flowed forth) from the termination, or *horizon* of which (being the leuell of the *State*, which was placed in the vpper end of the hall) was drawne, 85 by the lines of *Prospectiue*, the whole worke shooting downwards, from the eye ; which *decorum* made it more conspicuous, and caught the eye a farre off with a wandring beauty. To which was added an obscure and cloudy night-

57 OCEANIAE Q, F2 : OCIAANAE FI note 'i.' Tethys. Q : Tethys, Ff
72 the Q 73-4 their hayre . . . Pyramids, MS 78 off] of Q (so 88)
greces Editor: graces Q, Ff 87 conspicuous] conspicuous FI

90 piece, that made the whole set of. So much for the bodily part. Which was of master Y N I G O I O N E S his designe, and act.

By this, one of the *Tritons*, with the two *Sea-Maids*, began to sing to the others lowd musique, their voyces 95 being a *tenor*, and two *trebles*.

SONG.

SOUND, sound aloud
The welcome of the *Orient* fload,
Into the *West* ;

k All riuers are said to be the sons of the *Ocean*: for, as the Ancients thought, out of the vapours, exhaled by the heat of the *Sunne*, riuers, and fountaines were begotten. And both by *Orph. in Hymn.* & *Homer Iliad.* & *Oceanus* is celebrated *tantumquam pater, & origo, dijs, & rebus, quia nihil sine humectatione nascitur, aut putrescit.*

Fayre N I G E R, ^k sonne to great O C E A N V S,
Now honord, thus,
With all his beautious race :
Who, though but blacke in face,
Yet, are they bright,
And full of life, and light.
To proue that beauty best,
Which not the colour, but the feature
Assures vnto the creature.

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O C E A N V S.

l There wants not inough, in nature, to authorize this part of our fiction, in separating *Niger*, from the *Ocean*, (beside the fable of *Alpheus*, and that, to which *Virgil* alludes of *Arethusa* in his 10. *Eclog.* *Sic tibi, cum fluctus subterlabere Sicanos, Doris amara suam non intermisceat vnam*) examples of *Nilus*, *Iordan*, and others, whereof see *Nican. lib. 1. de flumin.* & *Plut. in vita Syllæ*, euen of this our riuier (as some thinke) by the name of *Melas*.

B E silent, now the ceremonie's done,
And N I G E R, say, how comes it, louely sonne,
That thou, the Æ T H I O P E S riuier, so farre *East*,
Art seene to fall into th'extremest *West*
Of me, the king of floads, O C E A N V S,
And, in mine empires heart, salute me thus ?
My ceaselesse current, now, amazed stands !
To see thy labour, through so many lands,
^l Mixe thy fresh billow, with my brackish streame ;
And, in thy sweetnesse, stretch thy diademe,

91 master] Maister Q. 97-361 Songs and speeches italic in Q, except 188-195 ; and the descriptive passages in roman 100 Fayre] Fayre, Q : Fayre, F1 : Faire, F2 note 'k.' fountaines] foun.] taines F1 origo,] origo Q. 110 ceremonie's] Ceremonies Q : ceremonies Ff : ceremony's MS, G 115 me] me, Q 116-130 not in MS 118 note 'l.' subterlabere Q : subter labere Ff others, Q, F2 : others Ff Syllæ, F2 : Syllæ. Q : Sillæ. F1 119 thy sweetnesse] thy sweetness Q : the sweetnesse Ff

The Masque of Blacknesse. 173

To these farre distant, and vn-equall'd skies, 120
This squared Circle of cœlestiall bodies.

N I G E R.

DIuine O C E A N V S, 'tis not strange at all,
That (since the immortall soules of creatures mortall,
Mixe with their bodies, yet reserue for euer 125
A power of separation) I should seuer
My fresh streames, from thy brackish (like things fixed)
Though, with thy powerfull saltnesse, thus far mixed.
„Vertue, though chain'd to earth, will still liue free ;
„And hell it selfe must yeeld to industrie. 130

O C E A N V S.

BVt, what's the end of thy *Herculean* labors,
Extended to these calme, and blessed shores ?

N I G E R.

TO do a kind, and carefull fathers part, 135
In satisfying euery pensiuë heart
Of these my *Daughters*, my most loued birth :
Who though they were the ^mfirst form'd dames of earth, m Read *Diod.*
And in whose sparckling, and refulgent eyes, *Secul. lib. 3.* It
The glorious *Sunne* did still delight to rise ; is a coniec-
Though he (the best iudge, and most formall cause ture of the old
Of all dames beauties) in their firme hiewes, drawes *Ethnicks*, that
Signes of his feruent'st loue ; and thereby shewes they, which
That, in their black, the perfectst beauty growes ; dwell vnder
Since the fix't colour of their curled haire, the *South*,
(Which is the highest grace of dames most faire) were the first
No cares, no age can change ; or there display begotten of
The fearefull tincture of abhorred *Gray* ; the earth.
Since *Death* her selfe (her selfe being pale and blue)
Can neuer alter their most faithfull hiew ; 145

120 skies,] *skies* Q : *skies* Ff 123 'tis F2 : *tis* Q : *tis* Fr 136
satisfying] *satisfyng* Q 138 note 'm.' they, Q : they Ff 142
hiewes] *hewes* Q (so 'hew' l. 150)

All which are arguments, to proue, how far
 Their beauties conquer, in great beauties warre ;
 And more, how neere *Diuinitie* they be,
 That stand from passion, or decay so free.

155 Yet, since the fabulous voices of some few
 Poore brain-sicke men, stil'd *Poets*, here with you,
 Haue, with such enuie of their graces, sung
 The painted *Beauties*, other *Empires* sprung ;
 Letting their loose, and winged fictions flie

160 To infect all clymates, yea our puritie ;
 As of one ⁿ P H A E T (H) O N, that fir'd the world,
 And, that, before his heedlesse flames were hurld
 About the *Globe*, the *Æthiopes* were as faire,
 As other *Dames* ; now blacke, with blacke dispaire :

165 And in respect of their complexions chang'd,
 Are eachwhere, since, for ^o lucklesse creatures rang'd.

ⁿ Alluding to
 that of
Iuuenal,
*Satir. 5. Et cui
 per mediam
 notis occurrere
 noctem.*
^p The *Poets*.

Which, when my *Daughters* heard, (as women are
 Most ielous of their beauties) feare, and care
 Possess'd them whole ; yea, and beleeuing ^p *them*,
 They wept such ceaselesse teares, into my streame,
 That it hath, thus far, ouerflow'd his shore
 To seeke them patience : who haue since, e'remore
 As the *Sunne* riseth, ^q chardg'd his burning throne
 With volleys of reuilings ; 'cause he shone
 On their scorch'd cheekes, with such intemperate fires,
 And other *Dames*, made queenes of all desires.
 To frustrate which strange error, oft, I sought,
 (Though most in vaine, against a setled thought
 As womens are) till they confirm'd at length

^q A custome
 of the *Æthi-
 opes*, notable
 in *Herod.* and
Diod. Sic. See
Plinie. Nat.
Hist. lib. 5.
cap. 8.

180 By miracle, what I, with so much strength
 Of argument resisted ; els they fain'd :
 For in the *Lake*, where their first spring they gain'd,
 As they sate, cooling their soft Limmes, one night,
 Appear'd a face, all circumfus'd with light ;

157 with such] *withsuch* Q 161 PHAETHON MS world, *Fa* : world Q :
 world *Fr* 165 complexions] *complexions* Q 166 eachwhere]
 each where Q 172 e'remore] *ere more* Q : *ere more* *Fr* : *ere-more* *Fa*
 174 'cause *Fa* : cause *Fr* : cause Q

(And sure they saw't, for *Æthiopes* ^r neuer dreame)
Wherein they might decipher through the streame,
These words.

r *Plin. ibid.*

That they a Land must forthwith seeke,
Whose termination (of the Greeke)
Sounds T A N I A ; where bright Sol, that heat
Their blouds, doth neuer ^a rise, or set,
But in his Iourney passeth by,
And leaues that Clymat of the sky,
To comfort of a greater Light,
Who formes all beauty, with his sight.

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s Consult
with Tacitus,
in *vita Agric.*
and the
Paneg. ad
Constant.

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In search of this, haue we three *Princedomes* past,
That speake out *Tania*, in their accents last ;
Blacke *Mauritania*, first ; and secondly,
Swarth *Lusitania* ; next, we did descry
Rich *Aquitania* : and, yet, cannot find
The place vnto these longing Nymphes design'd.
Instruct, and ayde me, great O C E A N V S,
What land is this, that now appeares to vs ?

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O C E A N V S.

This *Land*, that lifts into the temperate ayre
His snowy cliffe, is ^t *Albion* the faire ;
So call'd of ^u *Neptunes* son, who ruleth here :
For whose deare guard, my selfe, (foure thousand yeere,
Since old *Deucalion's* daies) haue walk'd the round
About his empire, proud, to see him crown'd
Aboue my waues.

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t Orpheus in
his *Argonaut.*
calls it *Λευκαίον χέρσον*.
u Alluding to
the *rite* of
stiling princes,
after the name
of their
princedomes :
so is he still
Albion, and
Neptunes
sonne that
gouernes. As
also his being
deare to *Nep-*
tune, in being
so imbrac'd by
him.

At this, the Moone was discovered in the vpper part of the
house, triumphant in a Siluer throne, made in figure of a
Pyramis. Her garments White, and Siluer, the dressing of

185, 186 Transposed in the MS 187 words.] words : F2 189
Whose termination] Whose termination F1 191 note 's.' Tacitus.]
Tacitus. Q 206 note 't.' Λευκαίον Λευκαίων Q, Ff χέρσον F2 : χέρσον
Q : χέρσον F1 208 yeere,] yeere) Q, F1 : yeare) F2 209
daies)] daies, Q, F1 : dayes, F2 211 Aboue Q, MS : About Ff

- 215 *her head antique ; & crown'd with a Luminarie, or Sphere of light : which striking on the clouds, and heightned with Siluer, reflected as naturall clouds doe by the splendor of the Moone. The heauen, about her, was vaulted with blue silke, and set with starres of Siluer which had in them their seuerall*
 220 *lights burning. The suddaine sight of which, made N I G E R to interrupt O C E A N V S, with this present passion.*

N I G E R.

—O see, our siluer *Starre !*

Whose pure, auspicious light greetes vs, thus farre !

Great *Æthiopia*, Goddess of our shore,

Since, with particular worship we adore

Thy generall brightnesse, let particular grace

Shyne on my zealous *Daughters* : Shew the place,

Which, long, their longings vr'dg'd their eyes to see.

Beautifie them, which long haue Deified thee.

The *Æthiopians* worshipped the *Moone*, by that surname. See *Stepha. περί πόλεων. in voce* *ÆΘΙΟΠΙΩΝ* and his reasons.

ÆTHIOPIA.

N I G E R, be glad : Resume thy natiue cheare.

Thy *Daughters* labors haue their period here,

And so thy errors. I was that bright face

- 235 Reflected by the *Lake*, in which thy *Race*

Read mysticke lines ; (which skill P Y T H A G O R A S

First taught to men, by a reuerberate glasse.)

This blessed Isle doth with that T A N I A end,

Which there they saw inscrib'd, and shall extend

- 240 Wish'd satisfaction to their best desires.

B R I T A N I A, which the triple world admires,

215 Sphere] *Sphære* Q 225 note surname. Q : surname, Ff περί] περί Q, Ff πόλεων W : πόλεον Q, Ff. *ÆΘΙΟΠΙΩΝ*] *Æθιοπιων* Q : *ΑΙΘΙΟΠΙΩΝ* F2 and his reasons om. F2 232 thy F2 : thy Q, MS : the Ff 236 PYTHAGORAS F2 : PITHAGORAS Q, FI 237 glasse.] glasse) Q, Ff 241 BRITANIA] BRITANNIA F2 (so 246, 251) admires, F2 : admires, Q : admires FI

This Isle hath now recouered for her name ;
 Where raigne those beauties, that with so much fame
 The sacred M V S E S sonnes haue honored,
 And from bright H E S P E R V S to E O V S spred. 245
 With that great name B R I T A N I A, this blest Isle
 Hath wonne her ancient dignitie, and stile,
A world, diuided from the world : and tri'd
 The abstract of it, in his generall pride.
 For were the world, with all his wealth, a ring, 250
 B R I T A N I A (whose new name makes all tongues sing)
 Might be a Diamant worthy to inchase it,
 Rul'd by a S V N N E, that to this height doth grace it :
 Whose beames shine day, and night, and are of force
 To blanch an Æ T H I O P E, and reuiue a *Cor's*. 255
 His light scientiall is, and (past mere nature)
 Can salue the rude defects of euery creature.
 Call forth thy honor'd *Daughters*, then ;
 And let them, 'fore the *Brit[t]aine* men,
 Indent the *Land*, with those pure traces 260
 They flow with, in their natiue graces.
 Inuite them, boldly, to the shore,
 Their beauties shall be scorch'd no more :
 This *sunne* is temperate, and refines
 All things, on which his radiance shines. 265

*Here the Tritons sounded, and they danced on shore, euery
 couple (as they aduanced) seuerally presenting their fans :
 in one of which were inscribed their mixt Names, in the
 other a mute Hieroglyphick, expressing their mixed qualities.
 Which manner of Symbole I rather chose, then Imprese, as 270
 well for strangenesse, as relishing of antiquitie, and more
 applying to that originall doctrine of sculpture, which the
 Ægyptians are said, first, to haue brought from the* *Diod. Sicul.
 Herod.*
Æthiopians.

255 *Cor's*] *Corse* F2
shalbe Q
 445-7

259 *Britaine* F2, MS
 273 *Ægyptians*] *Ægiptians* Q

263 shall be]

	The Names.	The Symboles.
275 <i>The Queene.</i> <i>Co. of Bedford.</i>	1. { EVPHORIS. AGLAIA.	1. { A golden tree, laden with fruit.
<i>La. Herbert.</i> <i>Co. of Derby.</i>	2. { DIAPHANE. EVCAMPSE.	2. { The figure <i>Icosaedron</i> of crystall.
<i>La. Rich.</i> 280 <i>Co. of Suffolke.</i>	3. { OCYTE. KATHARE.	3. { A payre of naked feet, in a riuer.
<i>La. Bewill.</i> <i>La. Effingham.</i>	4. { NOTIS. PSYCHROTE.	4. { The SALAMANDER simple.
<i>La. El. Howard.</i> <i>La. Sus. Vere.</i>	5. { GLYCYTE. MALACIA.	5. { A clowd full of raine, dropping.
285 <i>La. Wroth.</i> <i>La. Walsingham.</i>	6. { BARYTE. PERIPHERE.	6. { An vrne, speheard with wine.

The names of the OCEANIE were

*Hesiod. in
Theog.*

	DORIS.	}	{	CYDIPPE.	}	{	BEROE.	}	{	IANTHE.	
	PETRAEA.			GLAVCE.						ACASTE.	LYCORIS.
290	OCYRHOE.			TYCHE.						CLYTIA.	PLEXAVRE.

Their owne single dance ended, as they were about to make choice of their men : One, from the sea, was heard to call 'hem with this charme, sung by a tenor voyce.

SONG.

- 295 C Ome away, come away,
 We grow iealous of your stay :
 If you doe not stop your eare,
 We shall haue more cause to feare
 Syrens of the land, then they
300 To doubt the Syrens of the sea.

Here they danc'd with their men, seuerall measures, and cor-ranto's. All which ended, they were againe accited to sea, with a song of two trebles, whose cadences were iterated by a double eccho, from seuerall parts of the land.

276 fruit] fruit Q 277 *Icosaedron*] *Icosaedron* G : *Isocaedron* Q,
Ff 285 vrne.] vrne' Q, Fr : urne Fz 287 were.] were. Q : were Ff
289 LYCORIS Fz : LYCORYS Q, Fr 301 cor-ranto's] coranto's Fz

SONG.

305

DAughters of the subtle fload,
Doe not let earth longer intertayne you ;
1. *Ecch.* Let earth longer intertayne you.
2. *Ecch.* Longer intertayne you.

'Tis to them, inough of good, 310
That you giue this little hope, to gayne you.
1. *Ecch.* Giue this little hope, to gayne you.
2. *Ecch.* Little hope, to gayne you.

If they loue,
You shall quickly see ; 315
For when to flight you moue,
They'll follow you, the more you flee.
1. *Ecch.* Follow you, the more you flee.
2. *Ecch.* The more you flee.

If not, impute it each to others matter ; 320
They are but earth, } and what you vow'd was water.
1. *Ecch.* But earth, } 1. *Ecch.* And what you vow'd
was water.
2. *Ecch.* Earth. } 2. *Ecch.* You vow'd was
water.

ÆTHIOPIA.

INough, bright *Nymphs*, the night growes old, 325
And we are grieu'd, we cannot hold
You longer light : But comfort take.
Your father, onely, to the *lake*
Shall make returne : Your selues, with feasts,
Must here remayne the *Ocean's* guests. 330
Nor shall this vaile, the *sunne* hath cast
Aboue your bloud, more summers last.
For which, you shall obserue these *rites*.
Thirteene times thrise, on thirteene nights,

307 intertayne] enteraine F2 311 you.] you Q 312 little
hope.] little, hope Q 317 flee.] flee Q 322 earth.] comma faint
in F1 326 cannot] can not Q 329 Shall make] Shallmake Q

- 335 (So often as I fill my *sphære*
 With glorious light, throughout the yeere)
 You shall (when all things else doe sleepe
 Saue your chast thoughts) with reuerence, steepe
 Your bodies in that purer brine,
 340 And wholesome dew, call'd *Ros-marine* :
 Then with that soft, and gentler fome,
 Of which, the *Ocean* yet yeelds some,
 Whereof bright *V E N V S*, *B E A V T I E S* Queene,
 Is said to haue begotten beene,
 345 You shall your gentler limmes ore-laue,
 And for your paines, perfection haue.
 So that, this night, the yeare gone round,
 You doe againe salute this ground ;
 And, in the beames of yond' bright *Sunne*,
 350 Your faces dry, and all is done.

At which, in a Daunce they returned to the Sea, where they tooke their Shell ; and, with this full Song, went out.

S O N G.

- 355 **N**OW *D I A N*, with her burning face,
 Declines apace :
 By which our Waters know
 To ebbe, that late did flow.
 Back *Seas*, back *Nymphs* ; but, with a forward grace,
 Keepe, still, your reuerence to the place :
 360 And shout with ioy of fauor, you haue wonne,
 In sight of *Albion*, *N E P T V N E S* sonne.

So ended the first Masque : which (beside the singular grace of Musicke and Daunces) had that successe in the nobilitie of performance, as nothing needes to the illustration, but the 365 memorie by whom it was personated.

342 which, the *Ocean* yet] which the *Ocean*, yet, Q 351 which,]
 which Q 361 In] in Q 362 Masque :] Masque, Q 364
 performance,] performance ; Q

THE SECOND MASQVE.

Which was of BEAVTIE;

Was presented in the same Court, at WHITE-
HALL, on the Sunday night after the

Twelfth Night. 1608.

TWO yeares being now past, that her Maiestie had inter-
mitted these delights, and the third almost come; it
was her Highnesse pleasure, againe to glorifie the Court,
and command, that I should thinke on some fit presentment,
which should answere the former, still keeping them the 5
same persons, the daughters of N I G E R, but their beauties
varied, according to promise, and their time of absence
excus'd, with foure more added to their number.

To which limits, when I had apted my inuention, and
being to bring newes of them from the Sea, I induc'd *Boreas*, 10
one of the winds, as my fittest Messenger; presenting him
thus.

In a robe of Russet and White mixt, full, and bagg'd;
his haire and beard rough, and horride; his wings gray,
and full of snow, and ycycles: his mantle borne from him 15
with wyres, and in seuerall puffed; his feet * ending in
Serpents tayles; and in his hand a leaue-lesse Branch,
laden with ycycles.

a So Paus. in
Eliacis reports
him to haue,
as he was
carued in arca
Cipseli.

But before, in midst of the Hall, to keepe the state of the
Feast, and Season, I had placed ^b *Ianuarie*, in a throne of
siluer; his robe of ash-colour, long, fringed with siluer; a

b See Iconolog.
di Cesare Ripa.

Heading 4 night] night, Q 5 Twelfth] twelfth Q 3
pleasure,] pleasure Q 4 command,] command Q 10 them]
them, Q 13 Russet] Russet, Q 14 haire . . . rough] haire,
. . . rough : Q 15 ycycles : his] icycles. His Q 16 note 'a'
Eliacis] *Eliacis*. Q as he was carued] as he was carued Q, F1 : as
he was carued F2 *Cipseli*] *Cipselli* Q, Ff : query, *Cypseli* 17
leaue-lesse] leaueles Q 19 Hall,] Hall; Q 20 Season,]
season; Q note 'b.' See] See, Q *Cesare* Q : *Cæsare* Ff 21
-colour] -collor Q, but colour in the c.w (sig C 2 verso)

white mantle ; his wings white, and his buskins ; in his hand a Lawrell bough ; vpon his head an *Anademe* of Lawrell, fronted with the signe *Aquarius*, and the *Character*.
 25 Who, as *Boreas* bluster'd forth, discouer'd himselfe.

B O R E A S.

W^Hich, among these, is A L B I O N, N E P T V N E S
 sonne ?

I A N V A R I V S.

30 W^Hat ignorance dares make that question ?
 Would any aske, who M A R S were, in the wars ?
 Or, which is H E S P E R V S, among the starres ?
 Of the bright *Planets*, which is S O L ? Or can
 A doubt arise, 'mong creatures, which is Man ?
 35 Behold, whose eyes doe dart *Promethean* fire
 Throughout this all ; whose precepts do inspire
 The rest with dutie ; yet commanding, cheare :
 And are obeyed, more with loue, then feare.

B O R E A S.

40 W^Hat Power art thou, that thus informest me ?

I A N V A R I V S.

D^O'st thou not know me ? I too well know thee
 By thy ^a rude voice, that doth so hoarcely blow ;
 Thy haire, thy beard, thy wings, ore-hil'd with snow,
 Thy serpent feet, to be that rough *North-wind*,
 B O R E A S, that to my raigne art still vnkind.
 I am the Prince of Months, call'd I A N V A R I E ;
 Because by me ^b I A N V S the yeare doth varie,
 Shutting vp warres, proclayming peace, and feasts,
 Freedome, and triumphs ; making Kings his guests.

a Ouid. Metam. lib. 6.
 neere the end
 see—horridus
 ira, quæ solita
 est illi, nimirumque
 do-mestica, vento,
 &c.
 b See the offices and power
 of Ianus, Ouid. Fast. 1.

23 bough ;] bough, Q 25 Who], Who Q 27 Verse in italic
 in Q 42 I too well] I, to well, Q 43 note 'a.' vento,] vento. Q
 46 that . . . raigne] that, . . . raigne, Q 48 note 'b.' Ianus,]
 Ianus. Q

B O R E A S.

T^O thee then, thus, and by thee, to that King,
That doth thee present honors, doe I bring
Present remembrance of twelue *Æthiope* Dames :
Who, guided hither by the *Moones* bright flames,
To see his brighter light, were to the Sea
Enioyn'd againe, and (thence assign'd a day
For their returne) were in the waues to leaue
Their *blacknesse*, and true *beautie* to receiue.

55

I A N V A R I V S.

60

W^Hich they receiu'd, but broke their day : and yet
Haue not return'd a looke of grace for it,
Shewing a course, and most vnfit neglect.
Twice haue I come, in pompe here, to expect
Their presence ; Twice deluded, haue beene faine
With ° other *Riles* my Feasts to entertaine :
And, now the third time, turn'd about the yeare,
Since they were look'd for ; and, yet, are not here.

65

c Two marriages ; the one of the Earle of *Essex*, 1606, the other of the Lord *Hay*, 1607.

B O R E A S.

I^T was nor Will, nor Sloth, that caus'd their stay ;
For they were all prepared by their day,
And, with religion, forward on their way :
When P^RO^TE^VS, ^d the gray *Prophet* of the Sea,
Met them, and made report, how other foure
Of their blacke kind (whereof their Syre had store)
Faithfull to that great wonder, so late done
Vpon their Sisters, by bright *Albion*,
Had followed them to seeke B^RI^TA^NI^A forth,
And there to hope like fauor, as like worth.
Which N^IG^HT enui'd, as done ° in her despight,
And (mad to see an *Æthiope* washed white)
Thought to preuent in these ; lest men should deeme
Her colour, if thus chang'd, of small esteeme.

70

d Read his description, with *Virg. Geor. 4. Est in Carpathio Neptuni gurgite vates, Caruleus Proteus.*

e Because they were before of her complexion.

f To giue
authoritie to
this part of
our fiction,
Plinie hath a
chap. 95. of
his 2. booke.
Nat. Hist. de
Insulis fluctu-
uantibus. &
Card. lib. 1.
de rerum.
variet. cap. 7.
reports one to
be in his time
knowne, in
the Lake of
Loumond, in
Scotland. To
let passe that
of *Delos*, &c.
a The daugh-
ter of *Erec-*
theus, King of
Athens, King of
whome
Boreas
rauish'd away,
into *Thrace*,
as she was
playing with
other virgins
by the flood
Iliissus : or
(as some will)
by the foun-
taine *Ce-*
phisus.

And so, by malice, and her magicke, tost
The *Nymphes* at sea, as they were almost lost, 85
Till, on an Iland, they by chance arriu'd,
That 'floted in the mayne ; where, yet, she' had giu'd
Them so, in charmes of darknesse, as no might
Should loose them thence, but their chang'd Sisters sight.
Whereat the *Twelue* (in pietie mou'd, and kind) 90
Streight put themselves in act, the place to find ;
Which was the N I G H T S sole trust they so will doe,
That she, with labor, might confound them too.
For euer since with error hath she held
Them wandring in the *Ocean*, and so quell'd 95
Their hopes beneath their toyle, as (desperat now
Of any least successe vnto their vow ;
Nor knowing to returne to expresse the grace,
Wherewith they labor to this Prince, and place)
One of them, meeting me at sea, did pray, 100
That for the loue of my ^a O R Y T H Y I A,
(Whose verie name did heat my frostie brest,
And make me shake my snow-fill'd wings and crest)
To beare this sad report I would be wonne,
And frame their iust excuse ; which here I haue done. 105

I A N V A R I V S.

b The violēce
of *Boreas*,
Ouid excel-
lently des-
cribes in the
place aboue
quoted. *Hæc*
nubila pello,
hæc freia con-
cutio, nodosaq;
roboræ verto,
Induroq; niues,
& terras gran-
dine pulso.
c According
to that of *Vir.*
— *Demuniat*
igneus Euros.

WOuld thou had'st not begun, vnluckie *Wind*,
That neuer yet blew'st goodnesse to mankind ;
But with thy bitter, and too piercing breath,
Strik'st ^b horrors through the ayre, as sharpe as death. 110

Here a second *Wind* came in, V V L T V R N V S, in a blue-
coloured robe and mantle, pufft as the former, but somewhat
sweeter ; his face blacke, and on his ^c head a red Sunne,
shewing he came from the East : his wings of seuerall colours ;
his buskins white, and wrought with gold. 115

87 note 'f.' fiction,] fiction. Q his] the F2 variet.] *vari et Cap.* Q :
uari. & cap. Ff one] one, Q To] to Q *Delos,* *Delos.* Q 91
Streight] *Streight*, Q 94 For euer since] *For, euer since,* Q 103
wings] *wings*, Q 111 blue-coloured] *blue coloured* Ff: *blew colored*
Q 114 colours] *coullors* Q

V V L T V R N V S.

All horrors vanish, and all name of *Death*,
 Be all things here as calme as is my breath.
 A gentler *Wind*, V V L T V R N V S, brings you newes
 The *Ile* is found, and that the *Nymphs* now vse
 Their rest, and ioy. The *Nights* black charmes are flowne.
 For, being made vnto their *Goddesse* knowne,
 Bright Æ T H I O P I A, the siluer *Moone*,
 As she was ^a H E C A T E, she brake them soone :
 And now by vertue of their light, and grace,
 The glorious *Isle*, wherein they rest, takes place
 Of all the earth for Beautie. ^b There, their *Queene*
 Hath raised them a *Throne*, that still is seene
 To turne vnto the motion of the World ;
 Wherein they sit, and are, like Heauen, whirl'd
 About the Earth ; whil'st, to them contrarie,
 (Following those nobler torches of the Skie)
 A world of little *Loues*, and chaste *Desires*,
 Doe light their beauties, with still mouing fires.
 And who to *Heauens* consent can better moue,
 Then those that are so like it, *Beautie* and *Loue* ?
 Hither, as to their new *Elysium*,
 The spirits of the antique *Greekes* are come,
Poets and *Singe(r)s*, *Linus*, *Orpheus*, all
 That haue excell'd in ^c knowledge musicall ;
 Where, set in arbors made of myrtle, and gold,
 They liue, againe, these beauties to behold.
 And thence in flowry mazes walking forth,
 Sing hymnes in celebration of their worth.
 Whilst, to their songs, two fountaines flow, one hight
 Of *lasting Youth*, the other *chast Delight*,
 That at the closes, from their bottomes spring,
 And strike the ayre to *eccho* what they sing.

120

a She is call'd
 φωσφόρ
 'Εκάτη, by
 Eurip. in
 Helena, which
 is Lucifera, to
 which name
 we here pre-
 sently allude.
 b For the
 more full and
 cleare vnder-
 standing of
 that which
 followes, haue
 recourse to
 the succeeding
 pages ; where
 the *Scene* pre-
 sents it selfe.

136

c So *Terence*
 and the
 Ancients
 call'd *Poesy*,
Artem
musicam.

145

124 note ' a ' φωσφόρ 'Εκάτη] φωσφόρ. Ε'κάτη Q : φωσφόρ 'Εκάτη F1
 φωσφόρ 'Εκάτη F2 Helena,] Helena. Q 139 Singers F2 : Singers Q
 143 thence] thence, Q forth,] forth Q 145 hight] hight Q: height Ff

But, why doe I describe what all must see ?

- 150 By this time, neere thy coast, they floating be ;
 For, so their vertuous *Goddesse*, the chast *Moone*,
 Told them, the fate of th' *Iland* should, and soone
 Would fixe it selfe vnto thy *continent*,
 As being the place, by destiny fore-ment,
 155 Where they should flow forth, drest in her attyres :
 And, that the influence of those holy fires,
 (First rapt from hence) being multiplied vpon
 The other *foure*, should make their beauties one.

- Which now expect to see, great *Neptunes sonne*,
 160 And loue the miracle, which thy selfe hast done.

- Here, a curtaine was drawne (in which the Night was painted,) and the Scene discover'd, which (because the former was marine, and these, yet of necessitie, to come from the sea) I deuised, should be a(n) Island floting on a calme water. In*
 165 *the middest thereof was a seate of state, call'd the throne of beautie, erected : diuided into eight squares, and distinguish'd by so many Ionick pilasters. In these Squares the sixteene Masquers were plac'd by couples : behind them, in the center of the Throne was a tralucent Pillar, shining with seuerall-*
 170 *colour'd lights, that reflected on their backs. From the top of which Pillar went seuerall arches to the Pilasters, that sustained the rooffe of the Throne, which was likewise adorn'd with lights, and gyrlonds ; And betweene the Pilasters, in front, little Cupids in flying posture, wauing of wreathes, and*
 175 *lights, bore vp the Coronice : ouer which were placed eight Figures, representing the Elements of Beauty ; which aduanced vpon the Ionick, and being females, had the Corinthian order. The first was*

S P L E N D O R.

- 180 In a robe of *flame* colour, naked brested ; her bright
 hayre loose flowing : She was drawn in a circle of clouds,
 150 thy] thy Q : the Ff 162 painted,] painted. Q discover'd,]
 discover'd. Q 164 an F2 : an Q 165 middest] midst Q
 166 diuided into] diuided into F1 169 seuerall-colour'd] seuerall
 colour'd Q : seuerall colour'd F1 : seuerall coloured F2 (so 212) 173
 gyrlonds] gyrlands F2

her face, and body breaking through; and in her hand a branch, with two ^a *Roses*, a *white*, and a *red*. The next to her was

^a The *Rose* is call'd elegantlie, by *Achil. Tat. lib. 2.*

φωτῶν ἀγλαίσμα, the splendor of Plants, and is euery where taken for the Hieroglyphick, of Splendor.

SERENITAS.

185

In a garment of bright *skie-colour*, a long tresse, and waued with a vaile of diuers colours, such as the golden skie sometimes shewes: vpon her head a cleare, and faire *Sunne* shining, with rayes of gold striking downe to the feet of the figure. In her hand a ^b *Christall*, cut with seuerall angles, and shadow'd with diuers colours, as caused by refraction. The third

^b As this of *Serenity*, applying to the *Opticks* reason of the *Rainbow*, & the *Mythologists* making her the Daughter of *Electra*.

GERMINATIO.

IN greene; with a *Zone* of gold about her Wast, crowned with *Myrtle*, her haire likewise flowing, but not of so bright a colour: In her hand, a branch of ^c *Myrtle*. Her socks of greene, and gold. The fourth was

^c So *Hor. lib. 1. Od. 4.* makes it the ensigne of the

Spring. Nunc decet aut viridi nitidum caput impedire myrto, aut flore, terræ quem ferunt soluta, &c.

LÆTITIA.

IN a vesture of diuers colours, and all sorts of flowers embroidered thereon. Her socks so fitted. A ^d *Gyrland* of flowers in her hand; her eyes turning vp, and smiling, her haire flowing, and stuck with flowers. The fift

^d They are euery where the tokens of gladnesse, at al feasts, sports.

TEMPERIES.

IN a garment of *Gold*, *Siluer*, and colours weaued: In one hand shee held a ^a *burning Steele*, in the other, an *Vrne* with water. On her head a gyrland of flowers, Corne, Vine-leaues, and Oliue branches, enterwouen. Her socks, as her garment. The sixth

^e The signe of temperature, as also her gyrland mixed of the foure Seasons.

183 note 'a' ἀγλαίσμα] ἀγλαίσμα Q, FI: ἀγλαισμα F2 splendor... Splendor] splendour... Splendour Q 187 golden] gloden F2
190 note 'b' Rainbow] Rainbew FI 196 note 'c' Nunc decet] Nuncdecet Q soluta,] soluta. Q 205 note 'e' gyrland] gyrlond Q: gyrland F2

VENUSTAS.

210 **I**N a *Siluer* robe, with a thinne subtile vaile ouer her haire, and it : ^f Pearle about her neck, and forehead. Her socks ^f *Pearles*, with the *ancients*, were the speciall *Hieroglyphicks* of *louelinesse*, in *quibus nitor tantum & læuor expelebantur*. ^g So was the *Lilhe*, of which the most delicate Citie of the *Persians* was called *Susæ*: signifying that kind of flower, in their tongue.

DIGNITAS.

215 **I**N a dressing of state, the haire bound vp with fillets of golde, the garments rich, and set with iewels, and gold ; likewise her buskins, and in her hand a ^h *Golden rod*. The eight

^h The signe of honor, and dignitie.

PERFECTIO.

220 **I**N a Vesture of pure *Golde*, a wreath of *Gold* vpon her head. About her bodie the ⁱ *Zodiacke*, with the *Signes* : In her hand a *Compass* of golde, drawing a *circle*. On the top of all the *Throne*, (as being made out of all these) stood

ⁱ Both that, & the *Compass* are known ensignes of *perfection*.

HARMONIA.

225

A Personage, whose dressing had something of all the others, and had her robe painted full of *Figures*. Her head was compass'd with a crowne of *Gold*, hauing in it ^k seuen iewels equally set. In her hand a *Lyra*, whereon she rested.

^k She is so describ'd in *Iconolog. di Cesare Ripa*, his reason of 7. iewels, in the crown, alludes to *Pythagoras* his comment, with *Mac. lib. 2. Som. Sci. of the seuen Planets* and their *Sphaeres*.

This was the Ornament of the *Throne*. The ascent to which, consisting of sixe steps, was couered with a ^l multitude of *Cupids* (chosen out of the best, and most ingenuous youth of the *Kingdome*, noble, and others) that were the *Torch-bearers* ; and all armed, with *Bowes*, *Quiuers*, *Wings*, and other *Ensignes* of *Loue*. On the sides of the *Throne*, were curious, and elegant *Arbors* appointed : and behinde,

^l The inducing of many *Cupids* wants not defence, with the best and most receiued of the *Ancients*, besides *Prop. Stat. Claud. Sido. Apoll.* especially *Phil. in Icon. Amor.* whom I haue particularly followed, in this description.

211 note 'f.' in *quibus* Q, F1
[signifying] signifyng Q

Amor.] Amor F1

232 note 'l' *Stat.] Stati.* Q

233 ingenuous Q : ingenious Ff

213 note 'g.' signi-
Sido.] Sido : Q

in the backe part of the *Ile*, a *Groue*, of growne trees laden with golden fruit, which other litle *Cupids* plucked, and threw each at other, whilst on the ground ^m *Leuerets* pick'd ^m They were the notes of *Louelinesse* and sacred to *Venus*. See *Phil.* in that place, mentioned. n Of youth. o Of pleasure.

vp the bruised apples, and left them halfe eaten. The ground-plat of the whole was a subtle indented *Maze*: And, in the two formost angles, were two *Fountaines*, that ran continually, the one ⁿ *Hebe's*, the other ^o *Hedone's*: In the *Arbors*, were plac'd the *Musicians*, who represented the *Shades* of the olde *Poets*, and were attir'd in a *Priest-like* habit of *Crimson*, and *Purple*, with *Laurell* gyrlonds.

The colours of the *Masquers* were varied; the one halfe in *Orenge-tawny*, and *Siluer*: the other in *Sea-greene*, and *Siluer*. The bodies and short skirts of *White*, and *Gold*, to 250 both.

The habite, and dressing (for the fashion) was most curious, and so exceeding in riches, as the *Throne* whereon they sat, seem'd to be a Mine of light, stroake from their jewels, and their garments. 255

This *Throne*, (as the whole *Iland* mou'd forward, on the water,) had a circular motion of it owne, imitating that which wee call *Motum mundi*, from the *East* to the *West*, or the right to the left side. For so *Hom. Ilia. M.* vnderstands by *δεξιὰ*, *Orientalia mundi*: by *ἀριστερὰ*, *Occidentalialia*. The 260 steps, whereon the *Cupids* sate, had a motion contrary, with *Analogy*, *ad motum Planetarum*, from the *West* to the *East*: both which turned with their seuerall lights. And with these three varied *Motions*, at once, the whole *Scene* shot it selfe to the land. 265

Above which, the *Moone* was seene in a *Siluer* Chariot, drawne by *Virgins*, to ride in the clouds, and hold them greater light: with the *Signe Scorpio*, and the *Character*, plac'd before her.

239 fruit] fruit Q 247 gyrlonds] gyrlands F2 250 of Q:
on Ff 257 it] its F2 259 M.] μ W 260 δεξιὰ Q, F2:
δεξιὰ F1 ἀριστερὰ Q: ἀριστερὰ F1: ἀριστερὰ F2 264 Scene] Scene
[pio F1 (see l. 268) 268 Scorpio, and] Scor- and F1: having
omitted '-pio,' at the beginning of the line, the printer by error put in the
missing letters at the beginning of the last line of the preceding paragraph
after 'Scene' (l. 264)

270 The order of this *Scene* was carefully, and ingeniously
dispos'd; and as happily put in act (for the *Motions*) by
the *Kings* Master Carpenter. The Painters, I must needs
say, (not to belie them) lent small colour to any, to attribute
much of the spirit of these things to their pen'cills. But that
275 must not bee imputed a crime either to the inuention, or
designe.

Here the loud *Musique* ceas'd; and the *Musicians*,
which were placed in the *Arbors*, came forth through the
Mazes, to the other Land: singing this full *Song*, iterated
280 in the closes by two *Eccho*'s, rising out of the Fountaines.

SONG.

o So is he faind
by *Orpheus*, to
haue appear'd
first of all the
Gods:

awakened by
Clotho: and
is therefore
call'd *Phanes*,
both by him,
and *Lactan-
tius*.

o An agreeing
opinion, both
with *Diuines*
and *Philoso-
phers*, that the
great *Artificer*
in loue with
his owne *Idæa*,
did, therefore, frame the world. p Alluding to his name of *Himerus*, and his signification
in the name, which is *Desiderium post aspectum*: and more then *Eros*, which is onely *Cupido*,
ex aspectu amare.

W^Hen *Loue*, at first, did moouē
From ° out of *Chaos*, brightned
So was the world, and lightned,
As now! *Eccho*. As now! *Ecch*. As now!
Yeeld, *Night*, then, to the light,
As *Blacknesse* hath to *Beautie*;
Which is but the same duety.
It was ° for *Beauty*, that the World was made,
And where she raignes, ° *Loues* lights admit no shade.
Ecch. *Loues* lights admit no shade.
Eccho. Admit no shade.

Which ended, *Vulturnus* the Wind spake to the Riuēr
Thamesis, that lay along betweene the shores, leaning vpon
295 his Vrne (that flow'd with water,) and crown'd with flowers:
with a blue cloth of *Siluer* robe about him: and was per-
sonated by Master THOMAS GILES, who made the
Daunces.

283 note 'p.' (misprinted 'o' in text) *Clotho*:] *Clotho*. Q 285 *Eccho*.]
1 *Ecch*. G *Ecch*.] 2 *Ecch*. G 286 Yeeld.] Yeeld Q: Yeeld Ff 289 note
'p.' misprinted 'h' in Fr 291 *Ecch*.] 1 *Ecch*. G 292 *Eccho*.] 2 *Ecch*. G

V V L T V R N V S.

Rise, aged *Thames*, and by the hand 300
 Receiue these *Nymphes*, within the land :
 And, in those curious *Squares*, and *Rounds*,
 Wherewith thou flow'st betwixt the grounds
 Of fruitfull *Kent*, and *Essex* faire,
 That lend thee gyrlands for thy hayre ; 305
 Instruct their siluer feete to tread,
 Whilst we, againe to sea, are fled.

With which the *Windes* departed ; and the *Riuer*
 receiud them into the *Land*, by *couples* and *foures*, their
Cupids comming before them. 310

Their Persons were

The Q V E E N E.	La. A N N E W I N T E R.
La. A R A B E L L A.	La. W I N S O R E.
Co. of A R V N D E L.	La. A N N E C L I F F O R D.
Co. of D E R B Y.	La. M A R Y N E V I L L. 315
Co. of B E D F O R D.	La. E L I Z. H A T T O N.
Co. of M O N T G O M E R Y.	La. E L I Z. G A R R A R D.
La. E L I Z A. G I L F O R D.	La. C H I C H E S T E R.
L. K A T. P E T E R.	La. W A L S I N G H A M.

These dauncing foorth a most curious *Daunce*, full of 320
 excellent deuice, and change, ended it in the figure of a
Diamant, and so, standing still, were by the *Musicians*,
 with a second *Song* (sung by a loud *Tenor*) celebrated.

S O N G.

S O beautie on the waters stood,
 When *loue* had * seuer'd earth, from flood !
 So when he parted ayre, from fire,
 He did with concord all inspire !
 And then a *motion* he them taught,
 That elder then himselfe was thought.
 Which thought was, yet, * the child of earth,
 For *loue* is elder then his birth.

* As, in the
 creation, he
 is said, by the
ancients, to
 haue done.
 a That is,
 borne since
 the world,
 and, out of
 those duller
 apprehensions
 that did not
 thinke hee
 was before.

300 Rise,] Rise Q : Rise Ff 304 fruitfull] fruitfull Q 311
 were] were. Q : were. F1 : were, F2 326 When F2 : (When Q : (When F1

The song ended ; they danced forth their second dance, more
subtile, and full of change, then the former ; and so exquisi-
tely performed ; as the Kings maiestie (incited first by his
335 owne liking, to that which all others, there present wish'd)
requir'd them both againe, after some time of dancing with
the Lords. Which time, to giue them respite, was intermitted
with song ; first by a treble voyce, in this manner,

340

SONG.

* I make these
different from
him, which
they fayne,
cacum cupi-
dine, or *petu-*
lantem, as I
expresse
beneath in the
third song,
these being
chaste *Loues*, that attend a more diuine beautie, then that of *Loues* commune *parent*.

IF all these CVPIDS, now, were blind
As is * their wanton brother ;
Or play should put it in their mind
To shoot at one another :
What prettie battaile they would make,
If they their objects should mistake
And each one wound his mother !

Which was seconded by another treble ; thus,

350

IT was no politie of court,
Albee' the place were charmed,
To let in earnest, or in sport,
So many *Loues* in, armed.
For say, the *Dames* should, with their eyes,
Vpon the hearts, here, meane surprize ;
355 Were not the men like harmed ?

To which a tenor answer'd.

SONG.

360

YES, were the *Loues* or false, or straying ;
Or *beauties* not their beautie waighing :
But here, no such deceit is mix'd,
Their flames are pure, their eyes are fix'd :
They doe not warre, with different darts,
But strike a musique of like harts.

335 (*incited*] incited Q: *incited* Ff by] (by Q: (by Ff
* *petulantem*,] *petulantem*. Q song,] song. Q

After which songs, they danc'd galliards, and coranto's ;
and with those excellent graces, that the musique, appointed 365
to celebrate them, shew'd it could be silent no longer : but
by the first tenor, admir'd them thus,

SONG.

HAd those, that dwell in error foule,
And hold * that women haue no soule,
But seene these moue ; they would haue, then,
Said, *Women were the soules of men.*
So they doe moue each heart, and eye
With the * *worlds soule, true harmony.*

* There hath
beene such a
profane *para-*
doxe pub-
lished.
a The *Plato-*
nicks opinion.
See also *Mac.*
lib. 1. and 2.
Som. Scip.

Here, they danc'd a third most elegant, and curious dance, and
not to be describ'd againe, by any art, but that of their owne
footing : which, ending in the figure, that was to produce the
fourth, IANVARY from his state saluted them thus,

IANVARIVS.

YOur grace is great, as is your beautie, Dames ;
Inough my *feasts* haue prou'd your thankfull flames.
Now vse your seate : that seate which was, before,
Thought stray'ing, vncertayne, floting to each shore,
And to whose hauing * euery *clime* laid clayme,
Each *land*, and *nation* vrged as the ayme
Of their ambition, *beauties* perfect throne,
Now made peculiar, to this place, alone ;
And that, by'impulsion of your destinies,
And his attractiue beames, that lights these skies :
Who (though with th'*Ocean* compass'd) neuer wets
His hayre therein, nor weares a beame that sets.

380

* For what
countrey is it
thinks not her
owne beautie
fayre, yet ?

Long may his light adorne these happy *rites*
As I renew them ; and your gracious sights
Enioy that happinesse, eu'en to enuy,'as when
Beautie, at large, brake forth, and conquer'd men.

390

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370 note * Q marks '2' in the text, 'b' in the margin, and at l. 374
similarly 'b' and 'c' 371 then,] then Q, Ff 378 them]
them, Q 388 destinies] destenies Q

*At which they danc'd their last dance, into their Throne againe :
and that turning, the scene clos'd with this full song.*

SONG.

400 S Till turne, and imitate the heauen
 In motion swift and euen ;
 And as his Planets goe,
 Your brighter lights doe so :
 May *youth* and *pleasure* euer flow.
 But let your state, the while,
405 Be fixed as the Isle.

 C H O. { So all that see your *beauties* sphære,
 May know the '*Elysian* fields are here.
 Ecch. Th' *Elysian* fields are here.
 Ecch. *Elysian* fields are here.

404-5 Inset in Q, but not in F 409 *Elysian*] '*Elysian* Q : '*Elysian*
Ff After 409 The end. Q

APPENDIX XIII

THE TEXT OF 'THE MASQUE OF BLACKNESS' IN ROYAL MS. 17. B. XXXI.

The twelvth nights Reuells.

Plinie Solinus, Ptolomæe, and of late, *Leo Africanus*, remember vnto vs a river in *Aethiopia*, famous by the name of *Niger*, of w^{ch} the People were called *Nigritæ*, nowe *Negros*, and are the blackest Nation of the World. This river taketh his springe owt of a certaine Lake, eastward, and after a longe race falleth into the *Westerne Ocean*.

Hence the Inventon is derivd, and p^rsented thus. In the end of the designd place, there is drawne vppon a downe right cloth straynd for the *scene* a devise of *Landtscope*, w^{ch} openinge in manner of a Curtine, an artificiall sea is seene to shoote foorth it self abroad the roome as if it flowed to y^e Land. In front of this Sea are placed six *Tritons*, wth instrumentes made of antique shells for Musique, and behind them two Sea-maides. Betweene y^e Maydes a payre of Sea-horses figured to the life put foorth them selues in varied dispositōns ; vppon whose backes are advanced *Oceanus*, and *Niger*, arme, in arme enfolded.

Oceanus naked, the cullors of his flesh blew, and shadow'd wth a roab of Seagreene. His bodie of a humane forme. His head, and beard gray : hee is gyrlanded wth Sea-grasse, and his hand sustaynes a *Trident*.

Niger in forme, and coullor of an *Aethiope* blacke : his haire, and rare beard curled ; shadow'd wth a blew, and bright mantle, his necke, and wrists adorned wth Pearle ; Crowned wth an artificiall wreath of Cane, and paper-rush.

These induce the *Masquers*, w^{ch} are twelue *Nymphs Negro's*, and y^e daughters of *Niger*, attended by as manie of the *Oceanie*, who are their Light-bearers

The *Masquers* are placed in an entire concave shell of mother of pearle, curiously made to move on those waters, and guarded (for more ornament) wth *Dolphins*, and Sea-monsters of different shapes : on w^{ch} in payres their light-bearers are wth their lights burninge out of *Murex* shelles, advanced.

The attire of y^e *Masquers* is a lyke in all wthout difference.

Their cullo's azure, and siluer; their hayre thicke, and curled vpight in tresses lyke *Pyramids*, but retoorninge in the top; with a dressinge of feathers, and Iewells. And for the eare, necke, and wrist, the ornament of y^e brightest pearle, best settinge of from the blacke

For the Light-bearers, Sea-greene, their faces and armes blew. Their hayres loose, and flowinge, gyrlanded wth *Alga*, or Sea-grasse, and y^t stucke about wth braunches of corall, and water-Lillyes.

These thus p^rsented. One of the *Tritons* wth the two Sea-maydes, beginne to singe to the other lowd Musique. Their voyces beinge a *Tenor*, and two *trebles*.

The Song

*Sound, sound aloud
The welcum of the orient Floud
Into the west :
Fayre Niger sonne to great oceanus
Now honored thus,
wth all his beauteous Race :
who though but black in face,
yet are they bright,
And full of life and light ;
To prove that Beauty best,
W^{ch} not y^e coullor but y^e feature
Assures vnto y^e Creature.*

W^{ch} ended, and the Musique ceassinge *Oceanus* provokes *Niger* as followeth.

Oceanus

Bee silent now the Ceremony's done
And *Niger*, say, howe comes it lovely sonne
That thou the *Aethiops* River, so far east
Art seene to fall in y^e extreamest West
Of mee the Kinge of floudes *Oceanus*,
And in myne Empires hart salute mee thus ?
What is the end of thy *Herculean* Labo^rs
Extended to those Calme, and blessed shores ;

Niger

To doe a kynd, and carefull fathers parte,
In satisfyinge euery pensiuie harte

Of these my daughters, my most loved Birth ;
Who, though they were first-formd Dames of Earth,
And in whose sparcklinge, and refulgent eyes
The glorious sonne did still delight to rise ;
Though hee (the best Iudg), and most formal cause
Of all Dames bewties) in their firme hew's, drawes
Signes of his fervent'st loue, & therby shewes
That in their blacke the pfectst Beauty growes ;
Since the fixt cullo^r of their curled hayre
(W^{ch} is the heighest grace of Dames most fayre)
No cares, no Age can chandge, or there display
The fearfull tincture of abhorred gray.
Since Death him self (him self beinge pale, & blew)
Can never alter their most faithful hew ;
All w^{ch} are arguments to prove howe farre
Their Beauties conquer in great Beauties warre :
And now howe neere *Diunitie* they bee
That stand from Passon, or decay so free :
Yet since the fabulous voyces of some few
(Poore braynsicke men, stild Poets here wth yo^u)
Haue with such envy of their graces sung
The paynted Beauties, other Empires sprung,
Lettinge their loose and winged fictions fly
To infect all Climattes, yea our puritie
As of one *Phaethon* that fir'd the world
And that before his heedlesse flames were hurld
About the *Globe*, the *Aethiops* were as fayre
As other Dames, nowe blacke wth blacke dispayre
And in respect of their complexōns chaungd
Are each where since for lucklesse creatures rangd
W^{ch} when my Daughters heard (as woemen are)
most iealous of their beauties) feare, and Care
Possest them whole, yea, and beleevinge them
They wept such ceaslesse teares into my streame
That it hath thus farre overflowd his shore
To seeke them pacience whoe have since eremore,
As the Sonne riseth, chargd his burninge Throne
Wth vollyes of revilinges ; cause hee shone
On their scorcht cheekes wth such intemperat fiers
And other Dames made Queenes of all desiers.
To frustrat w^{ch} straunge erro^r oft I sought,
(Though most in vayne against a settled thought

As woemens are) till they confirmd att length
 By miracle, what I wth soe much strength
 of Argument resisted : (else they fayn'd
 For in the lake where their first springe they gaind
 As they satt coolinge their soft lymbs by night
 Appeard a face all circumfused wth Light
 Wherein they might decipher through the streame,
 (And sure they saw't for *Aethiops* never Dreame)
 These woordes :

*That they a Land must forthwth seeke
 Whose Termination of y^e Greeke
 sounds, Tania, Where bright Sol y^t heatt
 Their bloodes, doeth neuer rise nor sett,
 But in his iorney passeth by,
 And leaues that Climatte of y^e sky
 To comfort of a greater light,
 That formes all beautyes wth his sight.*

In search of this haue wee three Princ-doomes past
 That speake owt *Tania* in their accents last
 Blacke *Mauritania* first, and secondly
 Swarth *Lusitania*. Next we did descry
 Rich *Aquitania*, and yet cannot find
 The place vnto those longing *Nymphes* designd
 Instruct and ayd mee great *Oceanus*
 What land is this that nowe appeares to vs ?

Oceanus

This land that lifts into the tempate ayre
 Hir snowy Cliffe, is *Albion* the fayre
 So call'd of *Neptunes* sonne, y^t ruleth here ;
 for whose deare guard my self four thousand yeere
 (Since old *Deucalions* dayes) have walkt y^e round
 About his Empire proud to see him crownd
 Aboue my waves.

At this the *Moone* is discovered in y^e vpper pte of the
 house, triumphant, in a Chariot, hir garments white, and siluer,
 the dressinge of hir head antique, and crownd wth lights.
 To hir *Niger*.

Niger

O see o^r siluer Starre,
Whose pure auspicious light greetes vs thus farre
Great *Aethiopia*, Goddess of o^r store,
Since wth p^ticular woorshipp wee adore
Thy generall brightnesse, lett p^ticular grace
Shine on my zealous daughters : shew y^e place
W^{ch} longe their longinges vrgd their eyes to see
Bewtifie them that long have diedied thee.

Aethiopia

Niger, bee gladd, resume thy native cheere
Thy Daughters labo^rs haue theyr Period here
And so thy errors. I was that bright face
Reflected by the Lake, in w^{ch} thy Race
Read *mistick* lynes ; W^{ch} skyll *Pithagoras*
First taught to men by a reverberat glasse.
This blessed Ille doeth with that *Tania* end
W^{ch} their they sawe inscrib'd : and shall extend
Wish'd satisfactōn to their best desiers,
Britania w^{ch} the triple world admyres
This Ille hath nowe recovered for his name
Where raigne the Beauties, y^t wth so much fame
The sacred *Muses* sonnes haue honored
And from sweete *Hesperus* to *Eous* spread.
Wth that great name *Britania*, this blest Ille
Hath wonne hir antient dignitie and stile
A world divided from the world, and tryed
The abstract of it in his general pride.
And were the world with all his wealth a ringe,
Britania (whose fresh name makes thunder singe)
Might bee a *Diamond* woorthy to enchace it,
Rul'd by a *Sunne*, that to this height doeth grace it
Whose Beames shine day and night, and are of force
To blanch an *Aethiop*, and revive a Corse
His light scientiall is, and past meere Nature
Can salue the rude defects of euery Creature.

*Call forth thy honord daughters then
And lett them fore the Britaine men
Indent the Land wth those pure traces,
They flow wth in their native graces*

*Invite them boldly to y^e shore,
 Their Beauties shalbee scortc't no more.
 This sonne is tempeate, and refines
 All thinges on w^{ch} his Radiance shines*

Here the *Tritons* sound, and they daunce on shore, euery Couple (as they advance) severally p^rsenting their fannes ; in one of w^{ch} are inscribd their mixed names, in the other a mute *Hieroglyphick* exp^rssinge their mixed qualities w^{ch} manner of *Symbole* wee rather choose, then *Impresse*, as well for strangenesse, as relishinge more of antiquitie, and nearer applyinge to y^t originall doctrine of Sculpture, w^{ch} the *Aegip-tians* are sayd first to haue derived from the *Aethiopians*.

When their owne Daunce is ended, as they are about to choose their men ; on from the Sea is heard to call them wth this songe, sunge by a tenor voyce.

Songe.

*Cum away, cum away,
 We grow iealous of your stay :
 If you doe not stopp yo^r eare,
 Wee shall haue more cause to feare
 Syrens of the Land then they,
 To doubt the Syrens of y^e Sea.*

Here they daunce wth their men w^{ch} beinge pfect they are againe p^rvoked from the Sea wth a songe of two *Trebles*, iterated in y^e fall by a double *Echo*.

Songe.

*Treb. 1 Daughters, of the subtill floud
 Do not lett earth longer entertaine yo^u
 Treb. 2 Ti's to them enough of good
 That yo^u geiue this little hope to gaine yo^u
 Treb. 1 If they loue
 Treb. 2 Yo^u shall quickly see
 Treb. 1 For when to flight yo^u moue
 They'le followe yo^u y^e more yo^u flee
 Tre. do: If not impute it each to other matter
 They are but earth, and what yo^u owed was Water.*

Att this *Aethiopia* speakes againe

Athiopia

Enough bright *Nymphes* the night growes old
And we are greiv'd wee cannot hold
Yo^u longer light ; but comfort take,
yo^r father only to the Lake
shall make returne ; yo^r selues wth feastes
Must here remayne the *Oceans* guests
Nor shall this vayne the *Sunne* hath cast
Above yo^r bloods more Sommers last,
ffor w^{ch} you shall obserue these Rites
Thirteene tymes thrice, on thirteene nights
Soe often as I fill my spheare
Wth glorious light throughout the yeare
You shall (when all things els doe sleepe
saue yo^r chaste thoughts) wth reverence, steepe,
Yo^r bodyes in that purer brine
And holsome dew, called *Ros-Marine*
Then with that soft, and gentle fume,
Of w^{ch} the *Ocean* yet yeeldes some
Whereof bright *venus* Beauties Queene
Is sayd to haue begotten beene,
You shall yo^r gentler lymbs ore-laue,
And for yo^r paynes pfectōn haue
Soe that this night the yeare gone round
You doe againe salute this ground,
And in the Beames of yond bright Suñe
Yo^r faces dry, and all is done.

Wth w^{ch} in a daunce they returne to the Sea agayne,
where they take their shell, and wth a full songe goe owt

Song

Now Dian wth the burning face
Declines apace
By w^{ch} our waters know
To ebb, that late did flow,
Backe seas, Backe *Nymphs*, but wth a forward grace
Keepe still yo^r reuerence to y^e place
And shout wth ioy of fauor you have wonne
In sight of Albion Neptuns sonne.

Hos ego versiculos feci.

Ben: Jonson.

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THE TEXT

This masque in honour of the wedding of the Earl of Essex with Lady Frances Howard was performed at Court on 5 January 1606, and printed in quarto by Valentine Simmes for Thomas Thorpe early in that year.

The collation is A 1 blank, preserved in the Bodleian copy; A 2 recto, the title-page with the verso blank; A 3 recto to F 2 verso, the text. Four copies of this Quarto have been collated:

(1, 2) Two copies in the British Museum with press-mark C.34.d.3 (the Garrick copy) and C.40.g.13;

(3) The Bodleian copy (formerly Robert Burton's);

(4) The copy in the John Rylands Library, Manchester.

Only one variant has been found, in these copies: for the incorrect '*alterius vltius*' in the note 'a b' on l. 497, the John Rylands copy has '*alterius vtrius*'. The Folio of 1616 reprints '*vltius*', and the Folio of 1640 corrupts it to '*ulterius*'.

A peculiarity of Valentine Simmes's printing of the Quarto is his use of medial 'v' for 'u', as in 'advantage', 'remov'd', with only a few exceptions,¹ though he retains the initial 'v', as in 'vsed', 'vpon'. He also prints 'than' occasionally for Jonson's usual 'then'.²

An uncorrected copy of the Quarto was used for the reprint in the 1616 Folio. After the infamous divorce of the Countess in 1613 Jonson suppressed all references to the original performance. He told Drummond, 'that Epithalamiūm that wants a name jn his Printed Workes was made at the Earl of Essex Mariage'.³ He shortened the title to *Hymenæi, or The solemnities of Masque and Barriers at a Marriage*, and he struck out from the text all

¹ These are, on D 4 verso and E 1 recto, 'euery' (l. 630), 'siluer', 'Releue' and 'seuerall' (ll. 635, 646, 655), '*Endeuor*', 'haue' (ll. 838, 845), and 'diuine' (l. 936).

² In ll. 27, 89, 112 note 'a', 254, 273. The Folio copies the first and last of these.

³ *Conversations with Drummond*, ll. 404-5: see vol. i, p. 143.

mention of the performers, and of his collaborators, Inigo Jones, Alphonso Ferrabosco, and Thomas Giles.¹

As the Quarto is an authoritative text, we have accepted its readings in the following passages, where the Folio departs from it: 'ingenuous *virgin*' for the 'ingenious *virgin*' of the Folio (l. 181), 'that estate' for 'the state' in note 'h' on line 295, 'these sounds' for 'the sounds' (l. 697), 'satiety' for 'society' (l. 761), 'in this royall spheare' for 'in their royall spheare' (l. 798), 'musique' for 'masque' (l. 876), 'submit to *right*' for 'submit a *right*' (l. 931). The Quarto also preserves a few more of Jonson's classical spellings of Latin derivatives than the Folio does—'præsident' in note * on l. 40, 'æquall' (l. 205), 'æmulate' (l. 437), and 'fruict' (ll. 615, 728). The Quarto is also more fully punctuated.

¹ See the apparatus criticus at ll. 111, 249, 678, and 860.

HYMENAEI:

O R

The Solemnities of *Masque, and Barriers,*

Magnificently performed on the eleventh,
and twelfth Nights, from Christmas;

At Court:

To the auspicious celebrating of the Marriage-
union, betweene *Robert*, Earle of *Essex*, and
the Lady *Frances*, second Daughter to
the most noble Earle of
Suffolke.

By BEN: IONSON.

Iam veniet Virgo, iam dicetur Hymenaeus.



AT LONDON

Printed by *Valentine Sims* for *Thomas Thorp*.

1606.

The title-page of Robert Burton's copy of the Quarto, 1606



A Lady Masquer in 'Hymenaei'

From the portrait at Welbeck Abbey, in the collection of the Duke of Portland.

H Y M E N Æ I, O R

The solemnities of Masque and Barriers at a *Marriage.*

IT is a noble and iust aduantage, that the things subiected
to *understanding* haue of those which are obiected to
sense, that the one sort are but momentarie, and meerely
taking ; the other impressing, and lasting : Else the glorie
of all these *solemnities* had perish'd like a blaze, and gone 5
out, in the *beholders* eyes. So short-liu'd are the *bodies* of
all things, in comparison of their *soules*. And, though *bodies*
oft-times haue the ill luck to be sensually preferr'd, they
find afterwards, the good fortune (when *soules* liue) to be
vtterly forgotten. This it is hath made the most royall 10
Princes, and greatest *persons* (who are commonly the *per-*
sonaters of these *actions*) not onely studious of riches, and
magnificence in the outward celebration, or shew ; (which
rightly becomes them) but curious after the most high, and
heartie *inuentions*, to furnish the inward parts : (and those 15
grounded vpon *antiquitie*, and solide *learnings*) which,
though their *voyce* be taught to sound to present occasions,
their *sense*, or doth, or should alwayes lay hold on more
remou'd *mysteries*. And, howsoever some may squemishly
crie out, that all endeouour of *learning*, and *sharpnesse* in 20
these transitorie *deuices* especially, where it steps beyond
their little, or (let me not wrong 'hem) no braine at all,
is superfluous ; I am contented, these fastidious *stomachs*
should leaue my full tables, and enioy at home, their cleane

Heading] Or . . . *Marriage*. not in Q 1 subiected] subiected Q
2 obiected] objected Q 16 *learnings*] *learning* F2 21 *deuices*
especially,] *devices*, especially F2 22 all, F2 : all Q, F1

25 emptie trenchers, fittest for such ayrie tast: where perhaps a few *Italian* herbs, pick'd vp, and made into a *sallade*, may find sweeter acceptance, than all, the most nourishing, and sound meates of the world.

For these mens palates, let not me answer, O *Muses*. It
30 is not my fault, if I fill them out *Nectar*, and they runne to *Metheglin*.

Vaticana bibant, si delectentur.

All the curtesie I can doe them, is to crie, againe ;

Prætereant, si quid non facit ad stomachum.

35 As I will, from the thought of them, to my better subiect.

On the night of the Masques (which were two, one of Men, the other of Women) the scene being drawne, there was first discover'd an Altar ; upon which was inscribed, in letters of gold.

* Mystically implying, that both it, the place, and all the succeeding ceremonies were sacred to marriage, or Union ; ouer which *Iuno* was President : to whom there was the like Altar erected, at *Rome*, as shee was called *Iuga Iuno*, in the street, which thence, was named *Iugarius*. See *Fest.* and, at which Altar, the rite was to ioyne the marryed payre with bands of silke, in signe of future concord. a Those were the *Quinque Ceret*, which *Plutarch* in his *Quæst. Roman.* mentions to be used in nuptials. b The dressing of the *Bridegroom* (with the Ancients) was chiefly noted in that, *Quod tonderetur, Iu. Sat. 6. Iamq̃ à Tonsore magistro Pectoris.* And, *Lucan l. 2.* where he makes *Cato* negligent of the ceremonies in marriage, saith, *Ille nec horrificam sancto dimouit ab ore Casariem.*

* Ioni. Oimæ. Mimæ.

V N I O N I S A C R.

To this Altar entred fve Pages, attyr'd in white, bearing
a fve tapers of virgin waxe ; behind them, one representing
a *bridegroom* : His ^b haire short, and bound with partie-
coloured ribbands, and gold twist : His garments purple,
and white.

On the other hand, entred H Y M E N (the god of marriage)
in a saffron-coloured robe, his vnder-vestures white, his
socks yellow, a yellow veile of silke on his left arme, his

35 subject] Subject Q
President] præsidet Q
Fr : Sat. 1.F2

36-39 roman type in Q
45 note 'b' Iu.] Iu Fr

40 note *
Sat. 6. Q: Sat.

head crowned with *Roses*, and ^c *Marioram*, in his right hand a torch of ^d *pine tree*.

After him ^e a *youth*, attyred in white, bearing another light, of *white thorne*; vnder his arme, a little wicker *flasket*, shut: behind him two others, in white, the one bearing a *distaffe*, the other a *spindle*. Betwixt these a personated *Bride*, supported, her hayre flowing, and loose, sprinkled with grey; on her head a *gyrland* of *Roses*, like a turret; her garments white: and, on her back, a weathers fleece hanging downe: Her *zone*, or girdle about her waste of white wooll, fastned with the *Herculean knot*.

In the midst went the ^f *auspices*; after them, two that sung, in seuerall-coloured silks. Of which, one bore the water, the other the fire: last of all the ^g *Musicians*, diuersly attyred, all crowned with *Roses*; and, with this song began.

Expectet puros pinea tæda dies. Though I deny not, there was also *Spinea tæda*, which *Plinie* calls *Nuptiarum facibus auspiciatissimam*, *Nat. Hist. l. 16. c. 18.* and whereof *Sextus Pompeius Fest.* hath left so particular testimonie. For which, see the following note.

^e This (by the Ancients) was called *Camillus*, quasi *Minister* (for so that signified in the *Hetrurian* tongue) and was one of the three, which by *Sex. Pompe.* were said to be *Patrum & Matrum, Pueri prætextati tres, qui nubentem deducunt: Vnus, qui facem præfert ex spinâ albâ, Duo qui tenent nubentem.* To which conferre that of *Var. l. 6. de lingua Lat. Dicitur in nuptijs Camillus, qui Cumerum fert*: as also that of *Fest. l. 3. Cumeram vocabant Antiqui vas quoddam, quod opertum in Nuptijs ferebant, in quo erant nubentis utensilia, quod & Camillum dicebant: eo quod sacrorum Ministrum κάμυλλον appellabant.*

^f *Auspices* were those that hand-fasted the married couple: that wished them good lucke: that tooke care for the dowie: and heard them professe that they came together, for the cause of children, *Iuven. Sat. 10. Veniet cum signatoribus Auspex.* And, *Lucan. l. 2. Junguntur taciti, contentiq; Auspice Bruto.* They were also stil'd *Pronubi, Proxeneta, Paranymphe.*

^g The custome of Musike at Nuptials, is cleere in all antiquitie. *Ter. Adel. Act. 5. Verum hoc mihi mora est, Tibicina, & Hymenæum qui content.* And *Clau. in Epithal. Ducant peruigiles carmina Tibiæ, &c.*

SONG.

BId all profane away;
None here may stay
To view our *mysteriēs*,
But, who themselues haue beene,
Or will, in time, be seene

52 note 'd' For which] For, which *Fr* 53 note 'e' *Sex.*] *Sex Fr* 54 wicker flasket] wicker-Flasket Q 62 note 'f' hand-fasted] hyphen faint in *F*, missing in *Q* 63 seuerall-coloured] severall colored Q: seuerall coloured *Fr*: severall coloured *F2* 64 note 'g' antiquitie.] Antiquitie. Q: antiquitie, *Fr* 66 From this point *Q* prints the verse in italic and the descriptive notes in roman

The self-same *sacrifice*.
 For V N I O N, *Mistris* of these *rites*,
 Will be obseru'd with eyes,
 75 As simple as her nights.

CHORVS. { Flie then, all prophane, away,
 { Flie farre off, as hath the *Day* ;
 { *Night* her cortine doth display,
 { And this is H Y M E N S *holiday*.

80 *The song being ended, H Y M E N presented himselfe foremost ; and, after some signe of admiration, began to speake.*

H Y M E N.

W^Hat more then vsuall light
 (Throughout the place extended)
 85 Makes I V N O's *fane* so bright !
 Is there some greater *deitie* descended ?

Or raigne, on earth, those *powers*
 So rich, as with their beames
 Grace V N I O N more then our's ;
 90 And bound her *influence* in their happier streames ?

'Tis so : this same is he,
 The *king*, and *priest of peace* !
 And that his *Empresse*, she,
 That sits so crowned with her owne increase !

95 O you, whose better blisses
 Haue prou'd the strict embrace
 Of V N I O N, with chast kisses,
 And seene it flow so in your happie *race* ;

That know, how well it binds
 100 The fighting *seedes of things*,
 Winnes *natures, sexes, minds*,
 And eu'rie discord in true musique brings :

Sit now propitious *Aides*,
 To *Rites*, so duely priz'd ;
 And view two noble *Maides*,
 Of different sexe, to V N I O N sacrific'd.
 In honour of that blest *Estate*,
 Which all good *minds* should celebrate.

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*Here out of a Microcosme, or Globe, (figuring Man) with a
 kind of contentious Musique, issued forth the first Masque, of 110
 eight men.*

*These represented the foure ^a Humors, and foure Affections, all gloriously attired, distinguisht only by their seuerall En-
 signes and Colours ; and, dauncing out on the Stage, in their
 returne, at the end of their daunce, drew all their swords, offered
 to encompassse the Altar, and disturbe the Ceremonies. At
 which, H Y M E N troubled, spake :*

a That they
 were per-
 sonated in
 men, hath
 (alreadie)
 come vnder
 some Gram-
 maticall ex-
 ception. But
 there is more
 then Grammar

to release it. For, besides that *Humores* and *Affectus* are both *Masculine in Genere*, not one of the *Specialls*, but in some Language is knowne by a *masculine* word : Again, when their *influences* are common to both *Sexes*, and more generally impetuous in the *Male*, I see not, why they should not, so, be more properly presented. And, for the *Allegorie*, though here it be very cleare, and such as might well escape a candle, yet because there are some, must complaine of darknesse, that haue but thicke eyes, I am contented to hold them this Light. First, as in *naturall bodies*, so likewise in *minds*, there is no disease, or distemperature, but is caused either by some abounding *humor*, or peruerse *affection* ; after the same maner, in *politick bodies* (where *Order*, *Ceremony*, *State*, *Reuerence*, *Deuotion*, are parts of the *Mind*) by the difference, or prædominant will of what we (*metaphorically*) call *Humors*, and *Affections*, all things are troubled and confused. These, therefore, were *tropically* brought in, before *Marriage*, as disturbers of that *mysticall bodie*, and the *rites*, which were *soule* vnto it ; that afterwards, in *Marriage*, being dutifully tempered by her *power*, they might more fully celebrate the happinesse of such as liue in that sweet *vnion*, to the harmonious lawes of Nature and Reason.

H Y M E N.

S Aue, saue the *virgins* ; keepe your hallow'd lights
 Vntouch'd ; and with their flame defend our *Rites*. 120
 The foure vntemp'red *Humors* are broke out,
 And, with their wild *affections*, goe about

111 *men.*] Men, whose Names in order, as they were then Marshallled,
 by Couples, I have *Heraldry* enough to set downe.

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| 1 L. WILLOUGHBY. | Sir THOMAS HOWARD. |
| 2 LO. WALDEN. | Sir THOMAS SOMERSET. |
| 3 Sir JAMES HAY. | Ear. of ARVNDELL. |
| 4 Ear. of MONGOMERY. | Sir IOHN ASHLY. Q |

112 note 'a' *Grammaticall* . . . more then Grammar] *Grammatical* . . .
 more than Grammar Q Nature] Nature, Q 113 only . . . Ensignes]
 only, . . . Ensignes, Q 117 spake :] spake, Q

a Alluding to that opinion of *Pythagoras*; who held, all *Reason*, all *Knowledge*, all *Discourse* of the *Soule* to be meere *Number*. See *Plut. de Plac. Phil.*

To rauish all Religion. If there be
A Power, like *REASON*, left in that huge Bodie,
Or little *world of Man*, from whence these came,
Looke forth, and with thy bright and * numerous flame
Instruct their darknesse, make them know, and see,
In wronging these, they haue rebell'd 'gainst thee.

Hereat, REASON, seated in the top of the Globe (as in the
130 *braine, or highest part of Man) figur'd in a venerable personage,*
her haire white, and trayling to her waste, crowned with lights,
her garments blue, and semined with starres, girded vnto her
with a white bend, fill'd with Arithmeticall figures, in one hand
bearing a Lampe, in the other a bright Sword, descended, and
135 *spake :*

REASON.

FOrbeare your rude attempt ; what ignorance
Could yeeld you so prophane, as to aduance
One thought in act, against these *mysteries* ?
Are *VNIION'S* * *orgies* of so slender price ?
She that makes *soules*, with *bodies*, mixe in loue,
Contracts the *world* in one, and therein *IOVE* ;
Is ^b *spring*, and *end* of all things : yet, most strange !
Her selfe nor suffers *spring*, nor *end*, nor *change*.
No wonder, they were you, that were so bold ;
For none but *Humors* and *Affections* would
Haue dar'd so rash a venture. You will say
It was your zeale, that gaue your powers the sway ;
And vrge the *masqued*, and disguis'd pretence,
Of sauing bloud, and succ'ring innocence ?
So want of *knowledge*, still, begetteth iarres,
When *humorous* earthlings will controll the starres.
Informe your selues, with safer reuerence,
To these mysterious *rites*, whose mysticke sence,
155 *REASON* (which all things, but it selfe, confounds)
Shall cleare vnto you, from th'authentique grounds.

a *O'pyra*, with the *Greekes* value the same, that *Ceremonia* with the *Latines* ; and imply all sorts of *rites* : how-soeuer (abusiuely) they haue bin made particular to *Bacchus*. See *Seru.* to that of *Virg. Aeneid.* 4. *Qualis com-motis excita sacris Thyas.*

b *Mac. in som. Scipion. lib.* 1.

126 note 'a' *Plut.*] *Plutarch F2* 135 *spake:*] *spake. Q* 140 note
'a' *O'pyra*] *O'pyra F2* 151 *still, Q:* *still Ff* 155 *selfe,]* *selfe) Q*

*At this, the Humors and Affections sheathed their swords,
and retired amazed to the sides of the stage, while H Y M E N
began to ranke the Persons, and order the Ceremonies : And
R E A S O N proceeded to speake.*

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R E A S O N.

THe Paire, which doe each other side,
Though (yet) some space doth them diuide,
This happie *Night* must both make one
Blest *sacrifice*, to V N I O N.
Nor is this *Altar* but a signe
Of one more soft, and more diuine,
The * *Geniall bed*, where H Y M E N keeps
The solemne *Orgies*, void of sleepes :
And wildest C V P I D, waking, houers
With adoration 'twixt the *louters*.
The *Tead* of white and blooming Thorne,
In token of encrease is borne :
As ^b also, with the ominous light,
To fright all malice from the *Night*.
Like are the ^c *fire*, and *water*, set ;
That, eu'n as *moisture*, mixt with *heat*,
Helpes euerie naturall birth, to life ;
So, for their *Race*, ioyne *man* and *wife*.
The ^d blushing *veyle* shewes shamefastnesse
Th'ingenuous *virgin* should professe
At meeting with the *man* : Her haire,
That * flowes so liberall, and so faire,
Is shed with grey, to intimate,
She entreth to a *Matrons* state,
For which those ^e *utensils* are borne.
And, that she should not labour scorne,
Her selfe a ^f *snowie fleece* doth weare,
And these her ^h *rocke* and *spindle* beare,

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a Properly that, which was made readie for the new-married *Bride*, and was call'd *Genialis*, à *Generandis liberis*. Ser. in 6. *Æneid*.

b See *Ouid*. *Fast. lib. 6*. Sic *fatus*, *spinam, quæ tristes pellere posset A foribus noxas, hæc erat alba, dedit*.

c *Plutarch. in Quæst. Rom. and Var. lib. 4. de ling. Lat.*

d *Plin. Nat. Hist. lib. 21. cap. 8.*

e *Pomp. Fest. Briss. Hotto. de Rû. Nup.*

f *Var. lib. 6. de ling. Lat. and Fest. in Frag.*

g *Fest. ibid.*

h *Plutarch. in Quæst. Rom. & in Romul.*

167 diuine,] *divins* Q : diuine. Fr : divine. F2 173 encrease]
increase Q 174 As] And G 176 water,] Water Q 179
man] *Man*, Q 181 ingenuous Q : ingenious Ff 185 state,]
state. Q: state. Ff

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i *Plin. Nat. Hist. lib. 8. cap. 48.*

k That was *Nodus Herculeanus*, which the husband, at night, vntied in signe of good fortune, that he might be happie in propagation of issue, as *Hercules* was, who left seuentie children. See *Fest. in voc. Cingul.*

l *Plutarch. in Quæst. Rom.*

m See *Mari. Capel. lib. 6. de Nupt. Phil. & Mer. in numero Pentade.*

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To shew, that nothing, which is good,
Giues checke vnto the highest blood.
The ⁱ *Zone* of wooll about her waste,
Which, in contrarie circles cast,
Doth meet in one ^k *strong knot*, that binds,
Tells you, so should all married minds.
And lastly, these fūe *waxen lights*,
Imply *perfection* in the *rites* ;
For ^l *fūe* the speciall *number* is,
Whence hallow'd V N I O N claymes her blisse.
As being all the summe, that growes
From the vnited strengths, of those
Which ^m *male* and *female* numbers wee
Doe style, and are *first two*, and *three*.
Which, ioyned thus, you cannot seuer
In equall parts, but one will euer
Remaine as common ; so we see
The binding force of *Vnitie* :
For which alone, the peacefull *gods*
In number, alwaies, loue the oddes ;
And euen parts as much despise,
Since out of them all discords rise.

Here, the vpper part of the Scene, which was all of Clouds, and made artificially to swell, and ride like the Racke, began to open ; and, the ayre clearing, in the top thereof was discovered ⁿ *I V N O*, sitting in a Throne, supported by two beautifull ^o *Peacocks* ; her attyre rich, and like a ^p *Queene*, a ^q *white Diademe* on her head, from whence descended a *Veyle*, and

n With the *Greekes*, *Juno* was interpreted to be the *ayre* it selfe. And so *Macr.*

de som. Scipio. li. 1. c. 17. calls her. *Mari. Cap.* surnames her *Aeria*, of reigning there. o They were sacred to *Iuno*, in respect of their colours, and temper, so like the *Aire*. *Ouid. de Arte Amand. Laudatas ostendit auis Iunonia pennas.* And *Met. li. 2. Habili Saturnia curru Ingreditur liquidum pannonibus athera pictis.* p She was call'd *Regina Iuno* with the *Latines*, because she was *Soror & Coniux Iouis, Deorum & hominum Regis.* q *Reade Apul.* describing her, in his 10. of the *Asse*.

202 *male*] *Male*, Q
binding-force Q
'o' colours] colors Q
tenth booke F2

205 equall] æquall Q
215 note 'n' *Greekes*.] *Greekes*; Q
aui] *aves* Q, F1 : *avis* F2
216 *Peacocks* ;] *Peacoches*, Q

207 binding force]
216 note
note 'q' 10.]

that bound with a ^r Fascia, of seuerall-coloured silkes, set with all sorts of iewels, and rayseed in the top with ^a Lillies and Roses; in her right hand she held a Scepter, in the other a timbrell, at her golden feete the ^a hide of a lyon was placed: round about her sate the spirites of the ayre, in seuerall colours, making musique: Aboue her the region of fire, with a continuall motion, was seene to whirle circularly, and I V P I T E R standing in the toppe (figuring the heauen) brandishing his thunder: Beneath her the rainebowe, I R I S, and, on the two sides eight ladies, attired richly, and alike in the most celestiall colours, who represented her powers, as shee is the ^b gouernesse of marriage, and made the second masque. All which, vpon the discoverie, R E A S O N made narration of.

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where he makes her say, *His ego nigram mentem commista grandine nimbis Desuper infundam, & tonitru cælum omne ciebo.* ^s Lillies were sacred to Iuno, as being made white with her milke, that fell vpon the earth, when Ioue tooke Hercules away, whom by stealth he had layd to her brest: the Rose was also call'd Iunonia. ^a So was she figur'd at Argos, as a Step-mother insulting on the spoiles of her two Priuigni, Bacchus and Hercules. ^b See Virg. *Aeneid.* lib. 4. *Iunoni ante omnes cui vincla iugalia curæ:* and in another place, *Dant signum prima & Tellus, & Pronuba Iuno:* And Ouid. in *Phil. Epist.* *Iunonemque toris quæ præsidet alma Maritus.*

R E A S O N.

ANd see, where I V N O, whose great name
Is V N I O, in the anagram,

Displayes her glistering state, and chaire,
As she enlightned all the ayre!

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Harke how the charming tunes doe beate

In sacred concords 'bout her seate!

And loe! to grace what these intend,

Eight of her noblest powers descend,

Which are ^c enstil'd her faculties,

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That gouerne nuptiall mysteries;

And weare those masques before their faces,

Lest, dazeling mortalls with their graces

^c They were all eight call'd by particular surnames of Iuno, ascribed to her for some peculiar property in marriage, as somewhere after is more fitly declared.

218 note 'r' Bend,] Bend; Q colours] colors Q to her] to her, Q
218 seuerall-coloured] seuerall color'd Q: seuerall coloured F1: seuerall
coloured F2 220-230 other . . . narration of. printed in roman by F1
221 note 'a' Bacchus,] BACCCHVS, Q 223 musique:] Musique, Q
228 note 'b' toris Editor: terris Q, Ff 238 intend,] intend. F1

As they approach them, all *mankind*
 245 Should be, like C V P I D, strooken blind.
 These O R D E R waites for, on the ground,
 To keepe, that you should not confound
 Their measur'd steppes, which onely moue
 About th'harmonious sphære of L O V E.

250 *Their descent was made in two great cloudes, that put foorth
 themselves seuerally, and (with one measure of time) were seene
 to stoupe, and fall gently downe vpon the earth. The maner
 of their habites, came after some statues of I V N O, no lesse
 airy, then glorious. The dressings of their heads, rare ; so
 255 likewise of their feete: and all full of splendor, soueraignty, and
 riches. Whilst they were descending, this song was sung at
 the altar.*

S O N G.

THese, these are they,
 260 Whom *humour* and *affection* must obey ;
 Who come to decke the *geniall Bower*,
 And bring, with them, the gratefull *Hower*
 That crownes such meetings, and excites
 The *married Paire* to fresh delights :
 265 As *Courtings, Kissings, Coyings, Othes, and Vowes,*
Soft Whisperings, Embracements, all the Loyes,
And melting Toyes,
 That chaster L O V E allows.

C H O. Haste, haste, for H E S P E R V S his head downe bowes.

270 *The Song ended, they daunced forth in paires, and each paire
 with a varied and noble grace ; to a rare and full musique of
 twelue Lutes : led on by O R D E R, the seruant of R E A S O N,
 who was, there, rather a Person of Ceremony, than Vse. His*

245 strooken] *strooken* Q After 249 Q inserts The names of the
 eight Ladies, as they were after orderd (to the most conspicuous shew)
 in their Daunces, by the rule of their statures ; were the

Co. of MONGOMERY. La. KNOLLES.

Mi. C. SACKVILLE. La. BERKLEY.

La. DOR. HASTINGS. La. BLANCH SOMERSET.

Co. of BEDFORD. Co. of RUTLAND.

254 then] *than* Q 260 *humour*] *Humor* Q 270-278 *The Song*
 . . . spake. printed in roman in Q, Fx 270 *The*] *This* G

under-Garment was blue, his upper white, and painted full of
Arithmetically, and Geometrically Figures; his Hayre, and 275
Beard long, a Starre on his forehead, and in his hand a
Geometrically Staffe: To whom, after the Daunce, REASON
spake.

REASON.

CONUEY them, ORDER, to their places, 280

And ranke them so, in severall traces,

As they may set their mixed Powers

Vnto the Musique of the Howers;

And THESE, by ioyning with them, know

In better temper how to flow: 285

Whilst I (from their abstracted Names)

Report the vertues of the Dames.

First ^aCVRIS comes to decke the Brides faire Tresse.

Care of the oynments ^bVNXIA doth professe.

^cIVGA, her office to make one of twaine:

^dGAMELIA sees that they should so remaine.

a This Sur-
name Iuno
receiv'd of the
Sabines; from
them, the
Romans gaue
it her: of the
Speare, which

(in the Sabine tongue) was called *Curis*, and was that, which they nam'd *Hasta Calibaris*, which had stuck in the body of a slain *Sword-player*, and wherewith the *Brides* head was drest, wherof *Fest. in Voce Calibar.* giues these reasons, *Vt quemadmodum illa consuecunda fuerit cum corpore Gladiatoris, sic ipsa cum viro sit; vel quia Matronæ Iunonis Curitis in tutelâ si(n)t, quæ ita appellabatur à ferenda hasta: vel quod fortes viros genituras ominetur; vel quod nuptiali iure imperio viri subiicitur Nubens, quia Hasta summa armorum, & imperij est, &c.* To most of which *Plutarch* in his *Quæst. Rom.* consents, but addes a better in *Romul.* That when they diuided the *Brides* haire with the poynt of the Speare, *σύμβολον εἶναι τοῦ μετὰ μάχης καὶ πολεμικῶς τὸν πρῶτον γάμον γενέσθαι, it noted their first Nuptialles (with the Sabines) were contracted by force, and as with enemies.* Howsoever, that it was a *Custom* with them, this of *Quid. Fast. lib. 2.* confirms. *Comat Virgineas hasta recurua comas.* b For the Surname of *Vnxia*, we haue

Mart. Capel. his testimony, *De Nupt. Phil. & Mercu. lib. 2. quod unctionibus præst:* As also *Seruius, libro quarto Æneid.* where they both report it a fashion with the *Romans*, that before the new-married *Brides* entred the houses of their *Husbands*, they adorned the postes of the gates with wollen tawdries, or fillets, and anointed them with oyles, or the fat of wolues, and bores; being superstitiously possesed, that such oynments had the vertue of expelling euills from the familie: and thence were they called *Vxores, quasi Vnxores.* c She was named *Iuga,*

propter Iugum (as *Seruius* sayes) for the yoke which was impos'd, in *Matrimony*, on those that were married, or (with *Sex. Pomp. Fest.*) *quod Iuges sunt eiusdem Iugi Pares, vnde & Coniuges,* or in respect of the *Alkar* (to which I haue declar'd before) sacred to *Iuno*, in *Vico Iugario.* d As shee was *Gameka*, in sacrificing to her, they tooke away the gall, and threw it behind the *Alkar*; intimating, that (after marriage) there should be knowne, no bitterness, nor hatred betwene the ioynd couple, which might diuide, or separate them: See *Plutarch. Connub. Præ.* This *Rite* I haue somewhere following touch't at.

288 note 'a' drest.] drest. Q *Calibar.* Q: *Celibar.* Ff *in tutelâ sint* Editor: *in tutelâ sit* Q, Ff. *quod nuptiali Q: quod nuptiali*
Ff *Quæst. Q: Quæst.* Ff *σύμβολον F2: σύμβολον Q, F1 εἶναι*
εἶναι Q, Ff τὸν Q, F2: τὸν F1 γενέσθαι F2: γενέσθαι Q, F1 and
as] and as Q, Ff *Fast.] Fast F1 290 note 'c' Coniuges.]*
Coniuges, Q, Ff to which] which G 291 note 'd' (after marriage)]
(after Marriage) Q: (after marriage, F1: after marriage, F2

e The title of *Iterduca* shee had amongst them, *quod ad sponsi ades, sponsas comitabatur*; or was a Protec-

Faire ° I T E R D V C A leades the *Bride* her way ;
And ° D O M I D V C A home her steppes doth stay ;
° C I N X I A the *maid*, quit of her *Zone*, defends ;
° T E L I A (for H Y M E N) perfects all, and ends.

tresse of their journey. *Mart. Capel. De Nupt. Philolo. & Mercur. libro secundo.* f The like of *Domiduca*, *quod ad optatas domus duceret. Mart. ibid.* g *Cinxia*, the same *Author* giues vnto her, as the *Defendresse* of *Maides*, when they had put off their girdle, in the *Bridall chamber*; To which, *Festus. Cinxia Junonis nomen sanctum habebatur in Nuptijs, quod initio Coniugij solutio erat Cinguli, quo noua Nuptia erat cincta.* And *Arnobius*, a man most learned in their Ceremonies, lib. 3. aduers. Gent. saith, *Vnctionibus superest Vnxia. Cingulorum Cinxia replicationi.* h *Telia* signifies *Perfecta*, or, as some translate it, *Perfectrix*; with *Iul. Pol. libr. 3. Onomast. Hpa telia valewes Iuno Prases Nuptiarum*: who saith, the *Attribute* descends of *τελειος*, which (with the *Ancients*) signified *Marriage*, and thence, were they calld *τελειοι* that entred into that estate. *Seruius* interprets it the same with *Gamelia, Æneid. 4. ad verb. Et Iunone secundā*: But it implies much more, as including the facultie to mature and perfect; See the Greeke *Scholiaste* on *Pind. Nem. in Hym. ad Thyæum Vlixæ filium Argi. τελειος δὲ ὁ γάμος διὰ τὸ κατασκευάζειν τὴν τελειότητα τοῦ βίου*: that is, *Nuptials are therefore calld τελειοι, because they effect Perfection of life*, and do note that maturity which should be in *Matrimony*. For before *Nuptials*, she is called *Iuno παρθένος*, that is, *Virgo*; after *Nuptials*, *τελειά*, which is *Adulta*, or *Perfecta*.

By this time, the Ladies were payred with the Men ; and the whole Sixteene rank'd foorth, in order, to daunce : and were with this song prouok'd.

SONG.

300

NOW, now, beginne to set
Your spirits in actiue heate ;
And, since your hands are met,
Instruct your nimble feete,
In motions, swift, and meete,

305

The happy ground to beate :

CHORVS. { Whilst all this Roofe doth ring,
And each discording string,
With euery varied voyce,
In V N I O N doth reioyce.

310 Here, they daunced forth a most neate and curious measure,
full of Subtilty and Deuice ; which was so excellently per-
formed, as it seemed to take away that Spirit from the Inuen-

292 note 'e' *Philolo.] Philolog. Q* 294 note 'g' *quod] quod Q*
aduers.] aduers. Q, F2: aduers. F1 Cingulorum] Cingulorumus Q 295
note 'h' *Onomast. Q, F2: Onomast. F1* "Hpa telia] Hpa telia Q, F1 :
Hpa telia F2 Iuno] IVNO Q : Iuno ! F1 : Iuno. F2 that estate
Q : the state Ff secunda] secunda F2 to mature] too mature F1
calld τελειοι] calld τελειοι F1 telia] telia Q, Ff Adulta F2: adulta
Q, F1 298 this] this Q : the Ff 307 string, F2 : String, Q :
string. Ff

tion, which the Inuention gaue to it : and left it doubtfull, whether the Formes flow'd more perfectly from the Authors braine, or their feete. The straines were all notably different, 315 some of them formed into Letters, very signifying to the name of the Bridegrome, and ended in manner of a chaine, linking hands : To which, this was spoken.

REASON.

S^Vch was ⁱ the Golden Chaine let downe from Heauen ;

And not those linkes more euen,
Then these : so sweetly temper'd, so combin'd

By V N I O N, and refin'd.

Here no contention, enuy, grieve, deceit,

Feare, iealousie haue weight ;

But all is peace, and loue, and faith, and blisse :

What harmony like this ?

The gall, behinde the altar quite is throwne ;

This sacrifice hath none.

Now no affections rage, nor humors swell ;

But all composed dwell.

O I V N O, H Y M E N, H Y M E N, I V N O ! who

Can merit with you two ?

Without your presence, V E N V S can doe nought,

Saue what with shame is bought ;

No father can himselfe a parent show,

Nor any house with prospe'rous issue grow.

O then ! What deities will dare

With H Y M E N, or with I V N O to compare ?

1 Mentioned by Homer *Iliad*. 6. which many haue interpreted diuersely : al Allegorically, *Pla. in Th(e)æteto*, vnder- stands it to be the *Sunne*, <with> which while he circles the world in his course, all things are safe, and pre- 325 serued : others vary it. *Macrob.* (to whose interpretation, I am specially affected in my Allusion) considers it thus : 335 in *Som. Scip. lib. 1 cap. 14*. *Ergo cum ex summo Deo mens, ex mente anima sit ; anima verò & condatur, & vita compleat*

omnia quæ sequuntur, cunctaque hic vnus fulgor illuminet, & in vniuersis appareat, ut in multis speculis, per ordinem positis, vultus vnus; Cumque omnia continuis successionibus se sequantur, degenerantia per ordinem ad imum meandi: inuenietur pressius intuenti à summo Deo usque ad vltimam rerum sæcem vna mutuis se vinculis religans, & nusquam interrupta connexio. Et hæc est Homeri Catena aurea, quam pendere de cælo in terras Deum iussisse commemorat. To which strength and euennesse of connexion, I haue not absurdly likened this vnitng of Humours, and Affections, by the sacred Powers of Marriage.

320 note 'i' Homer] HOMER, Q *Pla.*] *Plat.* F2 *Theæteto* Editor with which Editor : Jonson's MS. probably had 'w'h w'h.' *Macrob.*] *Macrob.* Q : *Macrob* Ff specially] especially F2 *Som. Scip.* Q : *Sum. Scip.* F1 : *som. Scip.* F2 *Humours*] *Humors* Q 325 *Feare*] *Feare* F1 337 *prospe'rous*] *prosp'rous* Q

- 340 *The speach being ended, they dissolu'd : and all tooke forth
other persons, (men, and women,) to daunce other measures,
galliards, and corranto's ; the whilst this song importun'd
them to a fit remembrance of the time.*

SONG.

- 345 **T**Hinke, yet, how *night* doth wast,
How much of time is past,
What more then winged hast
Your selues would take,
If you were but to tast
350 The ioy, the night doth cast
(O might it euer last)
On this bright *virgin*, and her happy make.

*Their Daunces yet lasting, they were the second time im-
portun'd, by speach.*

355

REASON.

* *Stella
Veneris*, or
Venus, which
when it goes
before the
Sunne, is
call'd *Phos-
phorus*, or

Lucifer; when it followes, *Hesperus*, or *Noctifer* (as *Cat.* translates it.) See *Cic. 2. de Nat. Deor. Mar. Cap. de Nup. Phi. & Mer. l. 8.* The nature of this starre *Pythagoras* first found out : and the present office *Clau.* expresth in *Fescen. Attollens thalamis Idaliū iubar dilectus Veneri nascitur Hesperus.*

SEe, see ! the bright * *Idalian* starre,
That lighteth *louers* to their warre,
Complaynes, that you her influence loose ;
While thus the night-sports you abuse.

360

HYMEN.

* It was a
custome for
the *man* to
stand there,
expecting the
approch of his
Bride. See
Hotto. de Rit. Nupt.

THe longing *bridegroome*, * in the porch,
Shewes you againe, the bated torch ;
And thrice hath I v n o * mixt her *ayre*
With *fire*, to summon your repayre.

a Alluding to that of *Virgil. Æneid. 4. Prima & Tellus, & Pronuba Iuno Dan
signum : fulsere ignes, & conscius æther Connubij, &c.*

REASON.

365

SEe, now shee cleane with-drawes her light ;
 And (as you should) giues place to *night*,
 That spreades her broad, and blackest wing
 Vpon the world, and comes to bring
 A * thousand seuerall-colour'd *loues*,
 Some like sparrowes, some like doues,
 That hop about the *nuptiall-roome*,
 And flutt'ring there (against you come)
 Warme the chaste *bowre*, which ^b C Y P R I A strowes,
 With many a lilly, many a rose.

* Stat. in *Epit.*
Fulcra, torosq;
deæ, tenerum
premit agmen
Amorum.
 And *Claud.* in
Epith. Pen-
nati passim
pueri, quo
quemq; vocauit
umbra, iacent.

Both which, proue the Ancients faynd many *Cupids*. Reade also *Prop. Ele.* 29. l. 2. ^b *Venus* is so induced by *Stat. Claud.* and others, to celebrate nuptials.

H Y M E N.

HAste therefore, haste, and call, away :
 The gentle *night* is prest to pay
 The vsurie of long delights,
 Shee owes to these protracted *rites*.

380

At this (the whole scene being drawne againe, and all couer'd with cloudes, as a night) they left off their entermixed dances, and return'd to their first places ; where, as they were but beginning to moue, this song, the third time, vrg'd them.

385

S O N G.

OW Know to end, as to beginne :
 A minutes losse, in *loue*, is sinne.
 These *humours* will the night out-weare
 In their owne pastimes here ;
 You doe our *rites* much wrong,
 In seeking to prolong
 These outward pleasures :
 The *night* hath other treasures

390

370 seuerall-colour'd] *seuerall-colour'd* Q: seuerall colour'd Fr: seuerall colour'd F2 note* which,] which F2 382 night)] *Night,*) Q
 389 *humours*] *Humors* Q

395 Then these (though long conceal'd)
 Ere day, to be reueal'd.
 Then, know to end, as to beginne ;
 A minutes losse, in *loue*, is sinne.

400 *Here they danc'd their last dances, full of excellent delight and
 change, and, in their latter straine, fell into a faire orbe, or
 circle ; REASON standing in the midst, and speaking.*

REASON.

405 **H**ere stay, and let your sports be crown'd :
 The perfect'st *figure* is the *round*.
 Nor fell you in it by aduenter,
 When REASON was your guide, and *center*.
 This, this that beauteous * C E S T O N is
 Of *louers* many-colour'd blisse.
 Come H Y M E N, make an inner ring,
 And let the *sacrificers* sing ;
 Cheere vp the faint, and trembling *Bride*,
 That quakes to touch her *Bridegroom's* side :
 Tell her, what I V N O is to I O V E,
 The same shall shee be to her *loue* ;
 His *wife* : which we doe rather measure
 * A name of *dignitie*, then *pleasure*.
 Vp *youths*, hold vp your lights in ayre,
 And shake abroad ^b their flaming hayre.
 Now moue vnited, and, in gate,
 As you (in paires) doe front the *state*,
 With gratefull *honors*, thanke his *grace*
 That hath so glorified the place :
 And as, in *circle*, you depart
 Link'd *hand in hand* ; So, *heart in heart*,
 May all those *bodies* still remayne
 Whom he (with so much sacred payne)

* *Venus*
 girdle, men-
 tioned by
Homer. Ili. ξ.
 which was
 fain'd to be
 variously
 wrought with
 the needle,
 and in it
 wouen *Loue*,
Desire, *Sweet-*
nesse, soft *Par-*
lee, *Graceful-*
nesse, *Per-*
swasion, and
 all the *Powers*
 of *Venus*.

a See the
 wordes of
Ælius Verus,
 in *Spartian*.

b So *Cat. in*
Nupt. Iul. &
Manlij hath
 it. *Viden', ut*
faces splendi-
das quatiunt
comas ? and
 by and by
 after, *auras*
quatiunt
comas.

No lesse hath bound within his realmes
Then they are with the O C E A N S streames.
Long may his V N I O N find increase
As he, to ours, hath deign'd his peace.

430

With this, to a soft strayne of musique, they pac'd once about,
in their ring, euery payre making their honors, as they came
before the state : and then dissoluing, went downe in couples,
led on by H Y M E N, the Bride, and Auspices following, as
to the nuptiall bower. After them, the musicians with this 435
song, of which, then, onely one staffe was sung ; but because
I made it both in forme, and matter to emulate that kind of
poeme, which was call'd * Epithalamium, and (by the
ancients) vs'd to be sung, when the Bride was led into her
chamber, I haue here set it downe whole : and doe heartily
forgiue their ignorance whom it chanceth not to please.
Hoping, that nemo doctus me iubeat Thalassionem verbis
dicere non Thalassionis.

* It had the
name à Thala-
mo, dictum est
autem, θαλαμος
cubiculum
Nuptiale
primo suo
significatu,
παρὰ τὸ
θάλλειν ἄμα,
quod est simul
genialem vitam
agere. Scal. in
Poet.

EPITHALAMION.

G Lad time is at his point arriu'd,
For which loues hopes were so long-liu'd.
Lead, H Y M E N, lead away ;
And let no obiect stay,
Nor banquets (but sweet kisses)
The turtles from their blisses.
* 'Tis C V P I D calls to arme ;
And this his last alarme.
Shrinke not, soft Virgin, you will loue,
Anon, what you so feare to proue.
This is no killing warre,
To which you pressed are ;
But fayre and gentle strife
Which louers call their life.

445

* This Poeme
had for the
most part
Versum inter-
calarem, or
Carmen Amœ-
bæum : yet
that not
alwaies one,
but often-
times varied,
and some-
times
neglected in
the same song,
as in ours you
shall finde
observed.

436 After 'song', G inserts the first verse of the Epithalamion of which,
then, onely] Of this SONG then only G 437 emulate] æmulate Q
438 note* παρὰ παρὰ F1 θάλλειν F2 : θάλλειν Q : θάλλειν F1 ἄμα] Q
ἄμα Q, F1 : ἄμα F2 447 Lead,] Lead Q : Lead Ff 449
banquets] Banquets, Q 451 note* intercalarem,] intercalarem. Q
445.7

'Tis C V P I D cryes to arme ;

And this his last *alarme*.

460

Helpe, *youths*, and *virgins*, helpe to sing

The prize, which H Y M E N here doth bring,

And did so lately ^arap

From forth the *mothers lap*,

To place her by that side

465

Where shee must long abide.

On H Y M E N, H Y M E N call,

This night is H Y M E N's all.

See, H E S P E R V S is yet in view !

What *starre* can'so deserue of you ?

470

Whose light doth still adorne

Your *Bride*, that, ere the *morne*,

Shall farre more perfect be,

And rise as bright as he ;

When ^b (like to him) her *name*

475

Is chang'd, but not her flame.

Haste, tender *lady*, and aduenter ;

The couetous *house* would haue you enter,

That it might wealthy bee,

And you, her ^c mistress see :

480

Haste your owne good to meet ;

And ^d lift your golden feet

Aboue the *threshold*, high,

With prosperous *augury*.

Now, *youths*, let goe your pretty armes ;

485

The place within chant's other charmes.

Whole showers of *roses* flow ;

And *violets* seeme to grow,

Strew'd in the chamber there,

As V E N V S meade it were.

490

On H Y M E N, H Y M E N call,

This *night* is H Y M E N's all.

a The *Bride* was
alwayes fain'd, to be
rauish'd, *ex gremio*
matris: or (if shee were
wanting) *ex proxima*
necessitudine, because
that had succeeded
well to *Romulus*, who,
by force gat wiues for
him, and his, from the
Sabines. See *Fest.* and
that of *Catul.* *Qui*
rapis teneram ad
virum virginem.

b When he is *Phos-*
phorus, yet the same
starre, as I haue
noted before.

c At the entrance of
the *Bride*, the cus-
tome was to giue her
the keys, to signifie
that shee was absolute
Mistris of the place,
and the whole disposi-
tion of the *family* at
her care, *Fest.*

d This was also an-
other *rite*: that she
might not touch the
threshold as shee
entred, but was lifted
ouer it. *Seruius* saith,
because it was sacred
to *Vesta*, *Plut. in*
Quaest. Rom. remem-
bers diuers causes.
But that, which I
take to come nearest
the truth, was onely
the auoyding of
Sorcerous drugs, vs'd
by *Witches* to be
bury'd vnder that
place, to the destroy-
ing of *marriage*-
Amitie, or the Power
of generation. See
Alexand. in Gemahlu.
and *Christ. Landus*
vpon *Catul.*

461 Helpe,] *Helpe* Q: *Helpe* Ff. 463 note 'a' *necessitudine.*] *Necessitudine.* Q 480 note 'c' *Mistris*] *Mistresse* Q 482 note 'd' nearest] ne erest Fr generation.] generation, Fr

Good *Matrons*, that so well are knowne

To aged *husbands* of your owne,

Place you our *Bride* to night ;

And * snatch away the *light* :

That * shee not hide it dead

Beneath her *spouse's* bed ;

Nor ^b he reserue the same

To helpe the *funerall flame*.

495

* For this, looke *Fest.*
in Voc. Rapi.

a b *Quo utroq; mors*
propinqua alterius
utrius captari putatur,
Fest. ibid.

500

So, now you may admit him in ;

The act he couets, is no sin,

But chaste, and holy loue,

Which H Y M E N doth approue :

Without whose hallowing fires

505

All aymes are base desires.

On H Y M E N, H Y M E N call,

This night is H Y M E N's all.

Now, free from *vulgar* spight, or noyse,

May you enioy your mutuall ioyes ;

510

Now, you no feare controules,

But lips may mingle *soules* ;

And soft embraces bind,

To each, the others mind :

Which may no power vntie,

515

Till one, or both must die.

And, looke, before you yeeld to slumber,

That your delights be drawne past number ;

" Ioyes, got with strife, increase.

Affect no sleepy peace ;

520

But keepe the *Brides* fayre eyes

Awake, with her owne cries,

Which are but *mayden*-feares :

And kisses drie such teares.

Then, coyne them, 'twixt your lips so sweet,

525

And let not *cockles* closer meet ;

497 note 'a b' *utrius* corr. Q : *ultrius* Q originally, F1 : *ulterius* F2
525 'twixt] twixt Q, F1

* A frequent surname of Venus not of the place, as Cypria: but *quod parere faciat, η τὸ κρεῖν παρέχουσα Theop. Phurnut.* and the Gram-marians vpon Homer. See them.

a *Deus Naturæ, siue gignendi.* And is the same in the male, as *Iuno* in the female. Hence *Genialis Lectus, qui nuptijs sternitur, in honorem Genij. Fest. Genus meus, quia me genuit.*

b She hath this facultie giuen her, by all the Ancients. See *Hom. Iliad. θ. Lucret. in prim. Vir. in 2. Georg. &c.*

Nor may your murmuring *loues*
Be drown'd by * C Y P R I S *doues* :
Let *iuy* not so bind
As when your armes are twin'd :
That you may both, e're day,
Rise perfect euerie way.

And I v N O, whose great *powers* protect
The *marriage-bed*, with good effect
The labour of this *night*
Blesse thou, for future light :
And, thou, thy happie charge,
Glad * G E N I V S, enlarge ;
That they may both, e're day,
Rise perfect euerie way.

And ^b V E N V S, thou, with timely seed
(Which may their after-comforts breed)
Informe the gentle wombe ;
Nor, let it proue a tombe :
But, e're ten *moones* be wasted,
The *birth*, by C Y N T H I A hasted.
So may they both, e're day,
Rise perfect euerie way.

And, when the *babe* to light is showne,
Let it be like each *parent* knowne ;
Much of the *fathers* face,
More of the *mothers* grace ;
And either *grandsires* spirit,
And fame let it inherit.
That men may blesse th'*embraces*,
That ioyned two such *races*.

Cease *youths*, and *virgins*, you haue done ;
Shut fast the dore : And, as they soone
To their *perfection* hast,
So may their ardors last.

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528 note* παρέχουσα W : παῖρχουσα Q, F1 : παρχοῦσα F2
F2 : Homer, Q, F1 550 be... parent] be, ... Parent, Q
two Q : to Ff

So eithers strength out-liue
 All losse that *Age* can giue :
 And, though full yeares be told,
 Their formes grow slowly old.

Hitherto extended the first nights *Solemnitie*, whose 565
 grace in the execution, left not where to adde vnto it,
 with wishing : I meane, (nor doe I court them) in those,
 that sustain'd the *nobler* parts. Such was the exquisit per-
 formance, as (beside the *pompe*, *splendor*, or what we may
 call *apparelling* of such *Presentments*) that alone (had all 570
 else beene absent) was of power to surprize with delight, and
 steale away the *spectators* from themselues. Nor was there
 wanting whatsoeuer might giue to the *furniture*, or *comple-*
ment ; eyther in *riches*, or strangenesse of the *habites*, deli-
 cacie of *daunces*, magnificence of the *scene*, or diuine rapture 575
 of *musique*. Onely the enuie was, that it lasted not still, or
 (now it is past) cannot by imagination, much lesse descrip-
 tion, be recouered to a part of that *spirit* it had in the
 gliding by.

Yet, that I may not vtterly defraud the *Reader* of his 580
 hope, I am drawne to giue it those briefe touches, which may
 leaue behind some shadow of what it was : And first of the
Attyres.

That, of the Lords, had part of it (for the fashion) taken
 from the *antique Greeke* statue ; mixed with some *moderne* 585
 additions : which made it both gracefull, and strange. On
 their heads they wore *Persick* crownes, that were with scroles
 of *gold-plate* turn'd outward, and wreath'd about with a
carnation and *siluer* net-lawne ; the one end of which hung
 carelesly on the left shoulder ; the other was trick'd vp 590
 before, in seuerall degrees of foulds, betweene the plates,
 and set with rich iewels, and great pearle. Their bodies
 were of *carnation* cloth of siluer, richly wrought, and cut to

566 execution,] Exequution Q 569 *splendor*] *Splendour* Q
 578 *spirit*] *Spirit*, Q 588 outward,] outward ; Q 590
 shoulder ;] shoulder, Q 591 plates] plaits W 592 pearle]
 pearles F2

expresse the *naked*, in manner of the *Greeke Thorax* ; girt
 595 vnder the breasts with a broad *belt* of cloth of gold, im-
 brodered, and fastened before with iewels : Their Labels
 were of *white* cloth of siluer, lac'd, and wrought curiously
 betweene, sutable to the vpper halfe of their sleeues ;
 whose nether parts, with their bases, were of *watchet* cloth
 600 of siluer, chev'rond all ouer with lace. Their Mantills were
 of seuerall-colour'd silkes, distinguishing their qualities, as
 they were coupled in payres ; the first, *skie colour* ; the
 second, *pearle colour* ; the third, *flame colour* ; the fourth,
tawnie : and these cut in leaues, which were subtilly tack'd
 605 vp, and imbrodered with *Oo's*, and betweene euerie ranke
 of leaues, a broad siluer lace. They were fastened on the
 right shoulder, and fell compasse downe the back in gracious
 folds, and were againe tyed with a round knot, to the fastning
 of their swords. Vpon their legges they wore *siluer* Greaves,
 610 answering in worke to their Labells ; and these were their
accoutrements.

The Ladies *attyre* was wholly new, for the inuention, and
 full of glorie ; as hauing in it the most true impression of a
celestiall figure : the vpper part of *white* cloth of siluer,
 615 wrought with I V N O E S *birds* and *fruits* ; a loose vnder-
 garment, full gather'd, of *carnation*, strip't with *siluer*, and
 parted with a golden *Zone* : beneath that, another flowing
 garment, of *watchet* cloth of siluer, lac'd with gold ; through
 all which, though they were round, and swelling, there yet
 620 appeared some touch of their delicate *lineaments*, preseruing
 the sweetnesse of *proportion*, and expressing it selfe beyond
 expression. The *attyre* of their heads did answer, if not
 exceed ; their haire being carelesly (but yet with more art,
 then if more affected) bound vnder the circle of a rare and
 625 rich *Coronet*, adorn'd with all varietie, and choise of iewels ;
 from the top of which, flow'd a transparent *veile*, downe to
 the ground ; whose verge, returning vp, was fastened to

595 breasts] Breasts, Q	601 seuerall-colour'd] seuerall colour'd
Q, Fa : seuerall colour'd Fr	615 fruits] Fruits Q
garment, full gather'd] vnder garment, full gather'd Q	615-16 vnder-
Heads, Q	622 heads]
624 rare] rare, Q	626 transparent] transparent Q

either side in most sprightly manner. Their shooes were *Azure*, and gold, set with Rubies and Diamonds ; so were all their garments ; and euerie part abounding in ornament. 630

No lesse to be admir'd, for the grace, and greatnesse, was the whole *Machine* of the *Spectacle*, from whence they came : the first part of which was a *ΜΙΚΡΟΚΟΣΜΟΣ*, or *Globe*, fill'd with *Countreys*, and those gilded ; where the *Sea* was exprest, heightned with siluer waues. This stood, or rather 635 hung (for no *Axell* was seene to support it) and turning softly, discovered the first *Masque* (as wee haue before, but too runningly declared) which was of the *men*, sitting in faire *composition*, within a *mine* of seuerall metalls : To which, the lights were so placed, as no one was seene ; but 640 seemed, as if onely *REASON*, with the splendor of her crowne, illumin'd the whole Grot.

On the sides of this (which began the other part) were placed two great *Statues*, fayned of gold, one of *ATLAS*, the other of *HERCULES*, in varied postures, bearing vp 645 the Clouds, which were of *Releue*, embossed, and tralucient, as Naturalls : To these, a cortine of painted clouds ioyned, which reach'd to the vpmost roofe of the Hall ; and sodainely opening, reueal'd the three *Regions* of *Ayre* : In the highest of which, sate *IVNO*, in a glorious throne of 650 gold, circled with *Comets*, and fierie *Meteors*, engendred in that hot and drie *Region* ; her feet reaching to the lowest : where, was made a *Rainebow*, and within it, *Musicians* seated, figuring *airie* spirits, their habits various, and resembling the seuerall colours, caused in that part of the *aire* 655 by reflexion. The midst was all of darke and condensed clouds, as being the proper place, where *Raine*, *Haile*, and other watrie *Meteors* are made ; out of which, two concaue clouds, from the rest, thrust forth themselues (in nature of those *Nimbi*, wherein, by *Homer*, *Virgil*, &c. the *gods* are 660 fain'd to descend) and these carried the eight *Ladies*, ouer

634 gilded] guilded Q 636 hung] hung, Q 637 *Masque*
Masque, Q 641 her] the F2 652 lowest : where,] lowest,
where Q 657 place,] Place Q 660 *Virgil*] *Virgill* Q

a *Atlas*, and
Hercules, the
Figures men-
tioned before

the heads of the two *Termes* ; who (as the engine mou'd)
seem'd also to bow themselues (by vertue of their shadowes)
and discharge their shoulders of their glorious burden :
665 when, hauing set them on the earth, both they and the
clouds gathered themselues vp againe, with some rapture
of the *beholders*.

But that, which (as aboue in place, so in the beautie) was
most taking in the *Spectacle*, was the *sphere* of *fire*, in the
670 top of all, encompassing the *ayre*, and imitated with such
art and industrie, as the *spectators* might discern the
Motion (all the time the *Shewes* lasted) without any Mooer ;
and that so swift, as no eye could distinguish any colour of
the light, but might forme to it selfe fūe hundred seuerall
675 hiewes, out of the tralucent bodie of the *ayre*, objected be-
twixt it, and them.

And this was crown'd with a statue of I V P I T E R, the
Thunderer.

ON the next *Night*, whose *solemnitie* was of *Barriers* (all
680 mention of the former being vtterly remoued and taken
away) there appeared, at the lower end of the *Hall*, a Mist

662 engine] *Ingine Q* 665 they] *they, Q* 669 *fire.] Fire ; Q*
671 art] *art, Q* 673 and that] *and, that Q* After 678 the
following passage of *Q* was cancelled in *Ff*.

The *Designe*, and *Act* of all which, together with the *Device* of their
Habits, belongs properly to the *Merit*, and *Reputation* of Maister YNYGO
IONES ; whom I take modest occasion, in this fit place, to remember, lest
his owne worth might accuse mee of an ignorant neglect from my silence.

And here, that no mans *Deservings* complain of iniustice (though I
should have done it timelier, I acknowledge) I doe for honours sake, and
the pledge of our *Friendship*, name Ma. ALPHONSO FERABOSCO, a Man,
planted by himselfe, in that diuine *Spheare* ; & mastring all the spirits
of *Musique* : To whose iudiciall Care, and as absolute Performance,
were committed all those Difficulties both of *Song*, and otherwise.
Wherein, what his *Merit* made to the *Soule* of our *Invention*, would aske
to be exprest in *Tunes*, no lesse ravishing then his. *Vertuous* friend, take
well this abrupt testimonie, and thinke whose it is : It cannot be *Flat-*
terie, in me, who never did it to *Great ones* ; and lesse then *Love*, and
Truth it is not, where it is done out of *Knowledge*.

The *Daunces* were both made, and taught by Maister THOMAS GILES ;
and cannot bee more approv'd, then they did themselves : Nor doe I
want the will, but the skill to commend such *Subtilties* ; of which the
Spheare, wherein they were acted, is best able to iudge.

What was my part, the *Faults* here, as well as the *Vertues* must speake.

Mutare dominum nec potest Liber notus.

Before 679 *G* inserts title THE BARRIERS. 679 *Barriers]* *Barriers, Q*,
680 former . . . remoued] former, . . . remov'd, *Q*

made of delicate perfumes ; out of which (a battaile being sounded vnder the stage) did seeme to break forth two *Ladies*, the one representing *Truth*, the other *Opinion* ; but both so alike attired, as they could by no note be distinguished. The colour of their garments were blue, their socks white ; they were crown'd with wreaths of Palme, & in their hands ech of them sustain'd a Palm-bough. These, after the Mist was vanisht, began to examine each other curiously with their eyes, and approching the state, the one expostulated the other in this manner.

T R V T H.

W^Ho art thou, thus that imitat'st my grace,
In steps, in habite, and resembled face ?

O P I N I O N.

Graue ^a *time*, and *industry* my parents are ;
My name is T R V T H, who through these sounds of *warre*
(Which figure the wise minds discursiue fight)
In mists by *nature* wrapt, salute the light.

T R V T H.

I am that T R V T H, thou some illusiue spright ;
Whom to my likenesse, the black sorceresse *night*
Hath of these drie, and empty fumes created.

O P I N I O N.

Best *Herald* of thine owne birth, well related :
Put me and mine to prooue of words, and facts,
In any question this faire *houre* exacts.

T R V T H.

I challenge thee, and fit this time of *loue*,
With this *position*, which T R V T H comes to proue ;
That the most honor'd state of *man* and *wife*,
Doth farre exceede th'insociate *virgin*-life.

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a *Truth* is
fained to be
the daughter
of *Saturne* :
who, indeed,
with the
Ancients, was
no other then
Time, and so
his name al-
ludes, *Κρόνος*,
Plut. in *Quæst.*
To which con-
ferre the
Greeke Adage,
ἀγχι δὲ πρὸς
φῶς τὴν ἀλή-
θειαν χρόνος.

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685 note] Note, Q 688 hands] hands, Q 696 note 'a'
of om. Q Ancients,] Auntients Q Quæst. Q: Quest. F1 τὴν F2 :
τὴν Q, F1 697 these] these Q: the Ff 698 fight] sight G

OPINION.

I take the aduerse part ; and she that best
715 Defends her side, be TRVTH by all confest.

TRVTH.

b Hippocrat.
in a certaine
epistle to
Philopæm.
describeth
her, *Mulierem,*
quæ non mala
videatur, sed
audacior
aspectu &
concitior.
To which,
Cesare Ripa
in his *Icono-*
log. alludeth,
in these words,
Faccia, ne
bella, ne dis-
piaceuole, &c.

It is confirm'd. With what an equall brow
To TRVTH, ^bOPINION's confident ! and how,
Like TRVTH, her habite shewes to sensuall eyes !
But whosoe're thou be, in this disguise,
Cleare TRVTH, anon, shall strip thee to the heart ;
And shew how mere *phantasticall* thou art.
Know then, the first *production* of things,
Required *two*, from mere *one* nothing springs :
Without that knot, the *theame* thou gloriest in,
(Th'vnprofitable *virgin*) had not bin.
The golden tree of *marriage* began
In *paradise*, and bore the fruit of *man* ;
On whose sweet branches *angells* sate, and sung,
730 And from whose firme roote all *society* sprung.
LOVE (whose strong vertue wrapt *heau'ns* soule in *earth*,
And made a *woman* glory in his birth)
In *marriage*, opens his inflamed brest ;
And, lest in him *nature* should stifled rest,
735 His *geniall* fire about the world he darts ;
Which lippes with lippes combines, and hearts with hearts.
Marriage LOVE's object is ; at whose bright eyes
He lights his torches, and call's them his *skies*.
For her, he wings his shoulders ; and doth flie
740 To her white bosome, as his *sanctuary* :
In which no lustfull finger can profane him,
Nor any earth, with blacke *eclipses* wane him.
She makes him smile in sorrowes, and doth stand
'Twixt him, and all wants, with her siluer hand.
745 In her soft lockes, his tender feet are tied ;
And in his fetters he takes worthy pride.

718 note ' b ', Cesare] Cesare Q, Fi ne . . . ne] né . . . né G 718
OPINION's OPINION's Q, F2: OPINIONS Ff 724 two,] Two ; Q
728 fruit] fruit Q 744 Twixt] Twixt Q: Twixt Ff

And as *geometricians* haue approou'd
 That *lines*, and *superficies* are not moou'd
 By their owne forces, but doe follow still
 Their *bodies* motions ; so the selfe-lou'd will 750
 Of man, or woman should not rule in them,
 But each with other weare the *anademe*.
Mirrors, though deckt with diamants, are nought worth,
 If the like formes of things they set not forth ;
 So *men*, or *women* are worth nothing, neither, 755
 If eithers eyes and hearts present not either.

O P I N I O N.

Vntouch'd *virginitie*, Laugh out ; to see
 Freedome in fetters plac'd, and vrg'd 'gainst thee.
 What griefes lie groning on the *nuptiall* bed ? 760
 What dull satietie ? In what sheets of lead
 Tumble, and tosse the restlesse *married paire*,
 Each, oft, offended with the others aire ?
 From whence springs all-deuouring auarice,
 But from the cares, which out of *wedlocke* rise ? 765
 And, where there is in *lifes* best-tempred fires
 An end, set in it selfe to all desires,
 A settled quiet, freedome neuer checkt ;
 How farre are *married liues* from this effect ?
 ° E V R I P V S, that beares shippes, in all their pride,
 'Gainst roughest windes, with violence of his tide,
 And ebbes, and flowes, seuen times in euery day,
 Toyles not more turbulent, or fierce then they.
 And then, what rules *husbands* præscribe their *wiues* !
 In their eyes circles, they must bound their liues. 775
 The *moone*, when farthest from the *sunne* she shines,
 Is most refulgent ; neerest, most declines :
 But your poor *wiues* farre off must neuer rome,
 But wast their beauties, neere their *lords*, at home :

c A narrow
 sea, betweene
Aulis, a port
 of *Bæotia*, and
 the Isle
Eubæa. See
Pom. Mela. li.
 2.

761 satietie] *Satietie* Q : societie Ff 767 An end] And End Q
 768 checkt ;] *checkt*, Q 771 'Gainst F2 : *Gainst* Q : *Gainst* F1
 774 præscribe F2 779 *lords*,] *Lords*, Q : *lords* F1 :
Lords F2

- 780 And when their *lords* range out, at home must hide
 (Like to beg'd *monopolies*) all their pride.
 When their *lords* list to feed a serious fit,
 They must be serious ; when to shew their wit
 In iests, and laughter, they must laugh and iest ;
 785 When they wake, wake ; and when they rest, must rest.
 And to their *wiues men* giue such narrow scopes,
 As if they meant to make them walke on ropes :
 No tumblers bide more perill of their neckes
 In all their trickes ; then *wiues* in *husbands* checkes.
 790 Where *virgins*, in their sweet, and peacefull state
 Haue all things perfect ; spinne their owne free *fate* ;
 Depend on no proud *second* ; are their owne
Center, and *circle* ; Now, and alwayes one.
 To whose example, we doe still heare nam'd
 795 One *god*, one *nature*, and but one *world* fram'd,
 One *sunne*, one *moone*, one element of *fire*,
 So, of the rest ; one *king*, that doth inspire
Soule, to all *bodies*, in this royall spheare :

T R V T H.

- 800 And where is *marriage* more declar'd, then there ?
 Is there a band more strict, then that doth tie
 The *soule*, and *body* in such vnity ?
Subiects to *soueraignes* ? doth one mind display
 In th'ones obedience, and the others sway ?
 805 Beleeue it, *marriage* suffers no compare,
 When both estates are valew'd, as they are.
 The *virgin* were a strange, and stubborne thing,
 Would longer stay a *virgin*, then to bring
 Her selfe fit vse, and profit in a *make*.

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O P I N I O N.

How she doth erre ! and the whole heau'n mistake !
 Looke, how a flower, that close in closes growes,
 Hid from rude cattell, bruised with no ploughes,

781 Like] Most like G
 Q : their Ff

782 fit, F2 : Fit Q : fit Fr

798 this

Which th'ayre doth stroke, *sun* strengthen, *showres* shoot
higher,

It many *youths*, and many *maydes* desire ; 815

The same, when cropt by cruell hand, (<'t)is wither'd,

No *youths* at all, no *maydens* haue desir'd :

So a *virgin*, while vntouch'd she doth remaine,

Is deare to hers ; but when with bodies staine

Her chaster flower is lost, she leaues to appeare 820

Or sweet to *young men*, or to *maydens* deare.

That conquest then may crowne me in this warre,

Virgins, O *virgins*, flie from H Y M E N farre.

T R V T H.

Virgins, O *virgins*, to sweet H Y M E N yeeld, 825

For as a lone vine, in a naked field,

Neuer extolls her branches, neuer beares

Ripe grapes, but with a headlong heauinesse weares

Her tender body, and her highest sproote

Is quickly leuell'd with her fading roote ; 830

By whom no *husbandmen*, no *youths* will dwell ;

But if, by fortune, she be married well

To th'elme her *husband*, many *husbandmen*,

And many *youths* inhabit by her, then :

So whilst a *virgin* doth, vntouch't, abide 835

All vnmanur'd, she growes old, with her pride ;

But when to equall *wedlocke*, in fit time,

Her fortune, and endeuor lets her clime,

Deare to her *loue*, and *parents* she is held.

Virgins, O *virgins*, to sweet H Y M E N yeeld. 840

O P I N I O N.

These are but words ; hast thou a knight will trie

(By stroke of armes) the simple *veritie* ?

T R V T H.

To that high prooffe I would haue dared thee. 845

Ile strait fetch *champions* for the *bride* and *me*.

816 hand,] hand Q, Ff 'tis G 846 bride] Brides Q

O P I N I O N.

The like will I doe for *Virginity*.

Here, they both descended the hall, where at the lower end, a
 850 *march being sounded with drummes and phifes, there entred*
(led forth by the Earle of Nottingham, who was lord high
Constable for that night, and the Earle of Worc'ster, Earle
Marshall) sixteene knights, armed, with pikes, and swords ;
their plumes, and colours, carnation and white, all richly
 855 *accountred ; and making their honors to the state, as they*
march'd by in paires, were all rank'd on one side of the
hall. They plac'd, sixteene others like accountred for riches,
and armes, onely that their colours were varied to watchet,
and white ; were by the same Earles led vp, and passing
 860 *in like manner, by the state, plac'd on the opposite side.*

By this time, the barre being brought vp, T R V T H
proceeded.

T R V T H.

Now ioyne ; and if this varied triall faile,
 865 To make my T R V T H in *wedlockes* praise preuaile,
 I will retire, and in more power appeare ;
 To cease this strife, and make our question cleare.

855 *accountred ; accountred, Q: accountred, Ff* 857 *plac'd,] plac'd,*
Q: plac'd Ff 859 *were] who were F3* After 860 the following
passage of Q was cancelled in Ff: Whose Names (as they were given to
me, both in Order, and Orthographie) were these.

TRVTH.

Duke of LENNOX.
 Lo. EFFINGHAM.
 Lo. WALDEN,
 Lo. MOVNTEAGLE.
 Sir THO. SOMERSET
 Sir CHAR. HOWARD.
 Sir IOHN GRAY.
 Sir THO. MOVNSON.
 Sir IOHN LEIGH.
 Sir ROB. MAVNSELL.
 Sir EDW. HOWARD.
 Sir HEN GOODYERE
 Sir ROGER DALISON.
 Sir FRAN. HOWARD.
 Sir LEW. MAVNSELL.
 M^r. GVNTRET.

OPINION.

Earle of SVSSEX.
 Lo. WILLOUGHBY.
 Lo. GERRARD.
 Sir ROB. CAREY.
 Sir OL. CRVMWEL.
 Sir WIL. HERBERT.
 Sir ROB. DREWRY
 Sir WI. WOODHOVSE.
 Sir CAREY REYNOLDS.
 Sir RIC. HOUGHTON.
 Sir WIL. CONSTABLE.
 Sir THO. GERRARD,
 Sir ROB. KYLEGREW.
 Sir THO. BADGER.
 Sir THO. DVTTON.
 M^r. DIGBIE.

Whereat O P I N I O N *insulting, followed her with this speech.*

O P I N I O N.

I, doe : it were not safe thou shouldst abide : 870
This speakes thy *name*, with shame to quit thy side.

*Heere the champions on both sides addresst themselues for
fight, first single ; after three to three : and performed it
with that alacrity, and vigor, as if MARS himselfe had
beene to triumph before VENUS, and inuented a new* 875
*musique. When on a suddaine, (the last sixe hauing
scarcely ended) a striking light seem'd to fill all the hall,
and out of it an angell or messenger of glory appearing.*

A N G E L.

P Rinces, attend a tale of height, and wonder. 880

T R V T H is descended in a second thunder,
And now will greete you, with iudiciall state,
To grace the *nuptiall* part in this debate ;
And end with reconciled hands these warres.

Vpon her head she weares a crowne of starres, 885
Through which her orient hayre waues to her wast,
By which beleeuing *mortalls* hold her fast,
And in those golden chordes are carried euen,
Till with her breath she blowes them vp to heauen.
She weares a robe enchas'd with eagles eyes, 890
To signifie her sight in *mysteries* ;

Vpon each shoulder sits a milke-white doue,
And at her feet doe witty serpents moue :
Her spacious armes doe reach from *East* to *West*,
And you may see her heart shine through her brest. 895
Her right hand holds a *sunne* with burning rayes,
Her left a curious bunch of golden kayes,
With which *heauen* gates she locketh, and displayes.
A christall mirror hangeth at her brest,
By which mens consciences are search'd, and drest : 900

876 musique] *Musique* Q : masque *Fr* : Masque *F2* *suddaine*] *sodaine*
Q 878 or Q : or *Ff* 899 christall] *Cristall* Q.

- On her coach-wheeles *hypocrisie* lies rackt ;
 And squint-eyd *slander*, with *vaine-glory* backt,
 Her bright eyes burne to dust : in which shines fate.
 An *angell* vsfers her triumphant gate,
 905 Whilst with her fingers fans of starres shee twists,
 And with them beates backe *Error*, clad in mists.
 Eternall *Vnitie* behind her shines,
 That *fire*, and *water*, *earth*, and *ayre* combines.
 Her voyce is like a trumpet lowd, and shrill,
 910 Which bids all sounds in *earth*, and *heau'n* be still.
 And see ! descended from her chariot now,
 In this related pompe shee visits you.

T R V T H.

- Honor to all, that honor *nuptialls*,
 915 To whose faire lot, in iustice, now it falls,
 That this my *counterfeit* be here disclos'd,
 Who, for *virginitie* hath her selfe oppos'd.
 Nor, though my brightnesse doe vn-doe her *charmes*,
 Let these her *knights* thinke, that their equall armes
 920 Are wrong'd therein. " For valure wins applause
 " That dares, but to maintayne the weaker cause.
 And Princes, see, 'tis meere O P I N I O N,
 That in T R V T H's forced robe, for T R V T H hath gone !
 Her gaudie *colours*, piec'd, with many folds,
 925 Shew what vncertainties shee euer holds :
 Vanish adult'rate T R V T H, and neuer dare
 With proud *maydes* praise, to prease where *nuptialls* are.
 And *champions*, since you see the *Truth* I held,
 To *sacred* H Y M E N, reconciled, yeeld :
 930 Nor (so to yeeld) thinke it the least *despight*.
 " It is a conquest to submit to *right*.

This *royall Iudge* of our contention
 Will prop, I know, what I haue vnder-gone ;

902 backt,] backt Q: backt Ff: back'd. G 907 shines,] shines
 Q: shines Ff 913 Enter Truth. G 931 to right] to Right Q:
 a right Ff.

To whose right *sacred highnesse* I resigne
 Low, at his feet, this *starrie crowne* of mine, 935
 To shew, his rule, and iudgement is diuine ;
 These *doues* to him I consecrate withall,
 To note his innocence, without spot, or gall ;
 These *serpents*, for his wisdom : and these *rayes*,
 To shew his piercing splendor ; these bright *keyes*, 940
 Designing power to ope the ported skyes,
 And speake their glories to his subiects eyes.

Lastly, this *heart*, with which all hearts be true :

And T R V T H in him make *treason* euer rue.

With this, they were led forth, hand in hand, reconciled, as in 945
triumph : and thus the solemnities ended.

Viuite concordes, & nostrum discite munus.

937 withall] *with all* Q

THE HADDINGTON MASQUE



THE TEXT

This masque was printed in quarto by Thomas Thorpe in 1608 along with *The Masques of Blackness and Beauty*, and the signatures run on continuously.¹ The title-page is on E 3 recto with the verso blank, the text on E 4 to G 4. Gifford renamed the masque *The Hue and Cry after Cupid*.

Three copies of the Quarto have been collated: the Garrick and the Wise copies in the British Museum with press-marks C. 34. d. 4. and Ashley 957, and the imperfect copy in the Cambridge University Library.

The Folio of 1616 was printed from the Quarto: its chief error is 'laughter' for 'laughters' in line 406.

¹ See page 163.

THE DESCRIPTION of the Masque.

With the NVPTIAL L Songs.

Celebrating the happy Marriage of I O H N, Lord
R A M S E Y, *Vicount Hadington*, with the
Lady E L I Z A B E T H R A T C L I F F E,
Daughter to the right Honor:
R O B E R T, Earle of
Suffex.

At Court

On the Shroue-Tuesday at night. 1608.

Deuifed by B E N : I O N S O N.

Stati.--Acceleret partu decimū bona Cynthia mensem.



The title-page of the Quarto, 1608

T H E
DESCRIPTION OF
THE MASQVE.

With the Nuptiall songs.

At the Lord Vicount HADINGTONS
marriage at Court.

On the Shroue-tuesday at night. 1608.

THE worthy custome of honouring worthy *marriages*,
with these noble *solemnities*, hath, of late yeeres, ad-
uanc'd it selfe frequently with vs; to the reputation no
lesse of our *court*, then *nobles*: expressing besides (through
the difficulties of expence, and trauell, with the cheereful- 5
nesse of vnder-taking) a most reall affection in the *per-*
sonaters, to those, for whose sake they would sustayne these
persons. It behoues then vs, that are trusted with a part
of their honor, in these *celebrations*, to doe nothing in them,
beneath the dignitie of either. With this preposed part of 10
iudgement, I aduenture to giue that abroad, which in my
first conception I intended honorably fit: and (though it
hath labour'd since, vnder censure) I, that know *Truth* to be
alwayes of one stature, and so like a rule, as who bends it
the least way, must needes doe an iniurie to the right, can- 15
not but smile at their tyrannous ignorance, that will offer to
slight me (in these things being an *artificer*) and giue them-
selues a peremptorie licence to iudge, who haue neuer
touch'd so much as to the barke, or vtter shell of any *know-*
ledge. But, their daring dwell, with them. They haue found 20

1 honouring] honoring Q
præposed Q: proposed G
conception] conception. Q
17 me] mee, Q

9 honor] honour Q
11 abroad,] abroad Q
13 labour'd] labor'd Q

10 preposed]
12 con-
since] si nce Fr

a place, to powre out their follies, and I a seate, to sleepe out the passage.

The *scene* to this *Masque*, was a high, steepe, red cliffe, aduancing it selfe into the cloudes, figuring the place, from
 25 whence (as I haue beene, not fabulously, informed) the honourable family of the R A D C L I F F E S first tooke their name (*à cliuo rubro*) and is to be written with that *Orthography*; as I haue obseru'd out of M. C A M B D E N, in his mention of the *Earles of Sussex*. This cliffe was also a note
 30 of *height*, *greatnesse*, and *antiquitie*; before which, on the two sides, were erected two *pilasters*, chardg'd with spoiles and *trophees*, of *loue*, and his *mother*, consecrate to *marriage*: amongst which were old and yong persons figur'd, bound with *roses*, the wedding garments, rocks, and spindles, hearts
 35 transfixt with arrowes, others flaming, *virgins* girdles, gyrlonds, and worlds of such like; all wrought round and bold: and ouer-head two personages, *triumph* and *victorie*, in flying postures, and twice so big as the life, in place of the arch, and holding a gyrlond of *myrtle* for the key. All
 40 which, with the *pillars*, seem'd to be of burnished gold, and emboss'd out of the mettall. Beyond the cliffe was seene nothing but cloudes, thick, and obscure; till on the sodaine, with a solemne musique, a bright skie breaking forth; there were discouered, first two * *doues*, then two * *swannes* with siluer geeres, drawing forth a triumphant chariot; in which
 V E N V S sate, crowned with her *starre*, and beneath her the three *Graces*, or *Charites*, A G L A I A, T H A L I A, E V P H R O -
 S Y N E, all attyr'd according to their antique figures. These, from their chariot, alighted on the top of the cliffe, and descending by certayne abrupt and winding passages, V E N V S hauing left her *starre*, onely, flaming in her seate, came to the earth, the *Graces* throwing gyrlonds all the way, and began to speake.

* a Both *doues* and *swannes* were sacred to this *goddesse*, and as well with the one as the other, her chariot is induc'd by *Ouid. l. 10. and 11. Metamor.*

26 honourable] honorable Q 28 M.] Maister Q 32 *trophees*] *Trophæes* Q *loue . . . mother*] *Loue . . . Mother* Q *marriage*] *Marriage* Q
 44 note * *goddesse*,] *Goddesse. Q* *Metamor.*] *Metamorp. Q*

V E N V S.

IT is no common cause, yee will conceiue, 55
 My louely *Graces*, makes your *goddesse* leaue
 Her state in *heauen*, to night, to visit *earth*.

Loue late is fled away, my eldest birth,
 C V P I D, whom I did ioy to call my sonne ;
 And, whom long absent, V E N V S is vndone. 60

Spie, if you can, his foot-steps on this greene ;
 For here (as I am told) he late hath beene,
 With * diuers of his brethren, lending light
 From their best flames, to guild a glorious night ;
 Which I not grudge at, being done for her,
 Whose honors, to mine owne, I still prefer.

* Alluding to
 the *loues*, in
 the *Queens*
Masque
 before.

But he, not yet returning, I'am in feare,
 Some gentle *grace*, or innocent *beautie* here,
 Be taken with him : or he hath surpris'd
 A second P S Y C H E, and liues here disguis'd. 70
 Find yee no tract of his stray'd feet ? G R. I. Not I.

G R. 2. Nor I. G R. 3. Nor I. V E. Stay, *nymphs*, we then
 will trie

A neerer way. Looke all these ladies eyes,
 And see if there he not concealed lyes ;
 Or in their bosomes, 'twixt their swelling breasts : 75
 (The *wag* affects to make himselfe such nests)

Perchance, he'hath got some simple heart, to hide
 His subtle shape in : I will haue him cry'd,
 And all his vertues told. That, when they know
 What spright he is, shee soone may let him goe, 80
 That guards him now ; and thinke her selfe right blest,
 To be so timely rid of such a guest.

Begin, soft G R A C E S, and proclaime reward
 To her that brings him in. Speake, to be heard.

54 From this point Q prints the verse in italic, the description in roman.
 62 beene,] beene. Q : beene. F1 : been, F2 63 note * Masque]
Masque, Q 68 *beautie*] *Beauty*, Q 72 Stay,] Stay Q :
 Stay Ff 78 cry'd, F2 : cry'd. Q : cry'd. F1 83 Begin,] Begin
 Q : Begin F1

85

* In this *loue*,
I expresse
Cupid, as he
is *Veneris*
filius, and
owner of the
following
qualities,
ascrib'd him
by the antique
and later
Poets.

I. GRACE.

Beauties, haue yee seene this toy,
Called * *loue*, a little boy,
Almost naked, wanton, blind,
Cruell now ; and then as kind ?
If he be amongst yee, say ;
He is V E N U S run-away.

2. GRACE.

Shee, that will but now discouer
Where the winged *wag* doth houer,
95 Shall, to night, receiue a kisse,
How, or where her selfe would wish :
But, who brings him to his mother,
Shall haue that kisse, and another.

3. GRACE.

100 H'hath of markes about him plentie :
You shall know him, among twentie.
All his bodie is a fire,
And his breath a flame entire,
That being shot, like lightning, in,
105 Wounds the heart, but not the skin.

I. GRACE.

* See *Lucian*.
Dial. Deor.

a And *Claud.*
in raptu Pro-
serp.

b Such was
the power
ascrib'd him,
by all the
ancients :

whereof there is extant an elegant greeke *Epigram*, *Phil. Poët.* wherein hee makes all the other
deities dispoyle by him, of their ensignes. *Joue* of his thunder, *Phæbus* of his arrowes, *Hercules*
of his club, &c.

At his sight, the * *sunne* hath turned,
N E P T V N E in the waters, burned ;
* *Hell* hath felt a greater heate :
I o V E himselfe forsooke his seate :
From the *center*, to the *skie*,
Are his ^b *trophæes* reared hie.

2. GRACE.

115 Wings he hath, which though yee clip,
He will leape from lip, to lip,

Ouer liuer, lights, and heart,
But not stay in any part ;
And, if chance his arrow misses,
He will shoot himselfe, in kisses.

3. GRACE. 120

He doth beare a golden Bow
And a Quiuer, hanging low,
Full of arrowes, that out-braue
D I A N's shafts : where, if he haue
Any head more sharpe then other, 125
With that first he strikes his mother.

1. GRACE.

Still the fairest are his fuell.
When his daies are to be cruell,
Louers hearts are all his food ; 130
And his bathes their warmest bloud :
Nought but wounds his hand doth season ;
And he hates none like to *Reason*.

2. GRACE.

Trust him not : his words, though sweet, 135
Seldome with his heart doe meet.
All his practise is deceit ;
Euerie gift it is a bait ;
Not a kisse, but poyson beares ;
And most treason in his teares. 140

3. GRACE.

Idle minutes are his raigne ;
Then, the straggler makes his gaine,
By presenting maides with toyes,
And would haue yee thinke 'hem ioyes : 145
'Tis the ambition of the elfe,
To'haue all childish, as himselfe.

I. GRACE.

If by these yee please to know him,
 150 *Beauties*, be not nice, but show him.

2. GRACE.

Though yee had a will, to hide him,
 Now, we hope, yee'le not abide him.

3. GRACE.

Since yee heare his falser play ;
 And that he is V E N V S Run-away.

*At this, from behind the Trophæes, C V P I D discovered himselfe, and came forth armed ; attended with twelue boyes, most antickly attyr'd, that represented the sports, and prettie lightnesses, that accompanie Loue, vnder the titles of I O C I, and R I S V S ; and are said to wait on V E N V S, as she is Præfect of Mariage. Which H O R A T. consents to * Car. lib. 1. Ode 2.*

* —Erycina
 ridens, Quam
 Iocus circum-
 volat, & Cu-
 pido.

C V P I D.

165 C Ome my little iocound sports,
 Come away ; the time now sorts
 With your pastime : This same night
 Is C V P I D's day. Aduance your light.
 With your *Reuell* fill the roome,
 170 That our triumphs be not dumbe.

Wherewith they fell into a subtle capriccious Daunce, to as odde a Musique, each of them bearing two torches, and nodding with their antique faces, with other varietie of ridiculous gesture, which gaue much occasion of mirth, and delight, to the
 175 *spectators. The Daunce ended, C V P I D went forward.*

C V P I D.

W ELL done, *Antiques* : Now, my Bow,
 And my Quiuer beare to show ;
 That these *Beauties*, here, may know,

157 the Trophæes,] the, Trophæes Q 159 represented] represented,
 Q 167 your] you Fa 174 delight,] delight ; Q 175
 ended,] ended. Q 177 done,] done, Q : done Fr Now,] Now Q

By what armes this feat was done,
That hath so much honor wonne,
Vnto V E N V S, and her Sonne.

180

*At which, his Mother apprehended him : and circling him
in, with the G R A C E S, began to demand.*

V E N V S.

185

W Hat feat, what honor is it, that you boast,
My little straggler ? I had giuen you lost,
With all your games, here. C V P. Mother ? V E N. Yes,
sir, she.

a She vrges
these as
miracles,
because *Pal-
las*, and the
Muses are
most con-
trarie to
Cupid. See
Luc. Dialog.
Ven. & Cupid.
b *Rhea*, the
mother of the
gods, whom
Lucian, in that
place makes,
to haue false
frankely in
loue, by *Cu-
pids* meanes,
with *Athys*. So
of the Moone,
with *Endy-
mion*, *Her-
cules*, &c.

What might your glorious cause of triumph be ?
Ha'you shot * M I N E R V A, or the *Thespian* dames ?
Heat aged ^b O P S againe, with youthfull flames ?
Or haue you made the colder *Moone* to visit,
Once more, a sheepe-cote ? Say, what conquest is it
Can make you hope such a renowne to winne ?
Is there a second H E R C V L E S brought to spinne ?
Or, for some new disguise, leaues I o v e his thunder ?

C V P I D.

N Or that, nor those, and yet no lesse a wonder ;
Which to tell, I may not stay :

* H Y M E N's presence bids away ;

{ And there
slips from her.

'Tis, alreadie, at his night,

He can giue you farther light.

You, my sports, may here abide,

Till I call, to light the *Bride*.

* Here *Hymen*,
the god of
marriage,
entred ; and
was so induc'd
here, as you
haue him
describ'd in
my *Hymenæi*.

H Y M E N.

a When she is
*Nuptijs Præ-
fecta*, with
Iuno, *Suadela*,
Diana, and
Iupiter him-
selfe. *Paus.*
in *Messeniac.*
& *Plut.* in
problem.

V E N V S, is this a time to quit your carre ?
To stoope to earth ? to leaue, alone, your starre,
Without your influence ? and, * on such a night,
Which should be crown'd with your most chearing sight ?

188 Yes,] yes Q : Yes Ff 191 note ' b ' *Rhea*,] *Rhea* Q.
192 visit,] visit, Q : visit Ff 199 stay :] stay, Q 200 note *
Hymen, . . . *marriage*,] *Hymen* . . . *marriage* Q *Hymenæi*,] *Hymenæj*.
pag. 3. Q 203 sports,] sports, Q : sports F abide,] abide Q

- 210 As you were ignorant of what were done
 By C v p i d s hand, your *all-triumphing Sonne* ?
 Looke on this state ; and if you yet not know,
 What Crowne there shines, whose Scepter here doth grow ;
 Thinke on thy lou'd ^b Æ N E A S, and what name,
 M A R O, the golden trumpet of his fame,
 Gaue him, read thou in this. A Prince, that drawes
 By'example more, then others doe by lawes :
 That is so iust to his great act, and thought,
 To doe, not what Kings may, but what Kings ought.
 Who, out of pietie, vnto peace, is vow'd ;
 To spare his subiects, yet to quell the proud,
 And dares esteeme it the first fortitude,
 To haue his passions, foes at home, subdued.
 That was reseru'd, vntill the *Parcæ* spunne
 Their whitest wooll ; and then, his thred begun.
 Which thred, when ^c Treason would haue burst, a *soule*
 (To day renown'd, and added to my roule)
 Oppos'd ; and, by that act, to his name did bring
 The honor, to be ^d *Sauer of his King*.
 This *King*, whose worth (if gods for vertue loue)
 Should V E N V S with the same affections moue,
 As her Æ N E A S ; and no lesse endear
 Her loue to his safetie, then when she did cheare,
 (° After a tempest) long afflicted *Troy*,
 Vpon the *Lybian* shore ; and brought them ioy.

b *Aeneas*, the sonne of *Venus*, *Virgil* makes through-out the most exquisit patterne of *Pietie*, *Iustice*, *Prudence*, and all other Princely vertues, with whom (in way of that excellence) I conferre my Soueraigne, applying, in his description, his owne word, vsurped of that *Poets*. *Parcere subiectis, & debellare superbos*.
 c In that monstrous conspiracie of *E. Gowrie*.
 d *Titulo tunc crescere posses, nunc per te titulus*.

e *Virg. Aeneid. lib. 1.*

V E N V S.

- I Loue, and know his vertues, and doe boast
 Mine owne renowne, when I renowne him most.
 My C v p i d's absence I forgiue, and praise,
 240 That me to such a present grace could raise.

213 grow ;] grow, Q 214 note 'b' through-out Q : through-out, F Soueraigne,] soueraigne Q : soueraigne, F 215 MARO,] Maro Q 217 example more,] example, more ; Q 221 proud,] proud. Q 225 begun,] begun Q 226 thred,] thred Q 228 and, by,] & by, Q 229 note 'd' posses,] posses Q titulus] titulus Q
 230 King,] King ; Q

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His champion shall, hereafter, be my care ;
But speake his bride, and what her vertues are.

H Y M E N.

SHe is a noble virgin, styl'd the *maid*
Of the *Red-cliffe*, and hath her dowrie waigh'd ; 245
No lesse in *vertue*, *bloud*, and *forme*, then gold.
Thence, where my *Pillar's* rear'd, you may behold,
(Fill'd with *Loues Trophæes*) doth she take her name.
Those *Pillars* did vxorious *V V L C A N* frame,
Against this day, and vnderneath that hill,
He, and his *Cyclopes*, are forging still
Some strange, and curious peece, t(o)'adorne the night,
And giue these graced *Nuptials* greater light.

a The ancient
Poets, when-
soeuer they
would intend
any thing to
be done, with
great *Mas-
terie*, or excel-
lent Art, made

Vulcan the artificer, as *Hom. Iliad. Σ.* in the forging of *Achilles* his armour : and *Virg.* for *Aeneas, Aenei. 8.* He is also said to be the god of *fire*, and *light*. Sometime taken for the purest *beame* : and by *Orph. in Hym.* celebrated for the *Sunne* and *Moone*. But more specially, by *Eurip. in Troad.* he is made *Facifer in nuptijs*. Which present office we giue him here, as being *calor naturæ*, and *præses luminis*. See *Plato in Cratyl.* For his description, read *Pausa. in Elia.*

Here *V V L C A N* presented himselfe (as ouer-hearing
H Y M E N) attyr'd in a cassocke girt to him ; with bare 255
armes ; his haire and beard rough ; his hat of blue, and end-
ing in a Cone : In his hand, a hammer, and tongs ; as com-
ming from the Forge.

V V L C A N.

Which I haue done ; the best of all my life : 260
And haue my end, if it but please my wife,
And she commend it, to the labor'd worth.
Cleauē, solid Rock, and bring the wonder forth.

*At which, with a lowd and full musique, the Cliffe parted in
the midst, and discoverd an illustrious Concaue, fill'd with 265
an ample and glistering light, in which, an artificall Sphere*

246 then] than Q 247 Pillar's rear'd.] Pillars reard Q:
Pillar's rear'd, Fr 248 Trophæes] Trophæes Q printed in Q as
the last word of l. 248 without a bracket name.] name. 249 note
'a' Masterie,] Maistery Q artificer,] artificer Q armour] armor Q
Aeneas,] *Aeneas.* Q beame:] beame, Q But more] But, more Q
Which] which Q 249 frame,] frame Q 255-56 him:] ...
armes ;] him, . . . armes, Q 263 Cleauē,] Cleauē Q : Cleauē Fr
264 lowd] loud, Q 265 Concaue,] Concaue Q

was made of siluer, eightene foot in the Diameter, that turned perpetually : the Coluri were heightned with gold ; so were the Arctick and Antarctick circles, the Tropicks, the Æquinoctiall, the Meridian, and Horizon ; onely the Zodiacke was
 270 of pure gold : in which, the Masquers, vnder the Characters of the twelue Signes, were plac'd, answering them in number ; whose offices, with the whole frame, as it turned, V V L C A N went forward, to describe.

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V V L C A N.

IT is a *spheare*, I'haue formed round, and euen,
 In due proportion to the *spheare* of heauen,
 With all his *lines*, and *circles* ; that compose
 The perfect'st forme, and aptly doe disclose
 280 The *heauen of marriage* : which I title it.
 Within whose *Zodiack*, I haue made to sit,
 In order of the *signes*, twelue sacred powers,
 That are præsidings at all *nuptiall* howers :
 1. The first, in A R I E S place, respecteth pride
 285 Of youth ; and *beauty* ; graces in the *bride*.
 2. In T A V R V S, he loues *strength*, and *manlinesse* ;
 The vertues, which the *bridegroom*e should professe.
 3. In G E M I N I, that noble power is showne,
 That *twins* their *hearts* ; and doth, of two, make one.
 290 4. In C A N C E R, he that bids the *wife* giue way
 With backward yeelding, to her *husbands* sway.
 5. In L E O, he that doth instill the *heate*
 Into the man : which, from the following seate,
 6. Is tempred so, as he that lookes from thence
 295 Sees, yet, they keepe a V I R G I N *innocence*.
 7. In L I B R A's roome, rules he that doth supply
 All happy beds with sweet æquality.
 8. The S C O R P I O N S place he fills, that make(s) the *iarres*,
 And *stings* in wedlocke ; little *strifes*, and *warres* :

267 made] made, Q 269 Arctick] Arctick, Q 271-72
 Masquers, . . . Signes,] Masquers . . . Signes Q 272-73 number :
 whose] Number. Whose Q 298 makes Fa : makes Q

9. Which he, in th' A R C H E R S throne, doth soone remoue 300
By making, with his shafts, new wounds of *loue*.
10. And those the *follower*, with more heate, inspires,
As, in the G O A T E, the *sun* renews his fires.
11. In wet A Q V A R I V S stead, reignes he, that showres
Fertilitie vpon the *geniall* bowres. 305
12. Last, in the F I S H E S place, sits he, doth say ;
In married ioyes, all should be dumbe, as they.
And this hath V V L C A N, for his V E N V S, done,
To grace the chaster triumph of her *sonne*.

V E N V S.

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And for this gift, will I to heauen returne,
And vowe, for euer, that my lampe shall burne
With pure and chas<t>est fire ; or * neuer shine,
But when it mixeth with thy *spheare*, and mine.

a As *Catul.*
hath it in
nup. Iul. &
Manl.
without
Hymen, which
is marriage :
Nil potest
Venus, fama
quod bona
comprobet, &c.
b *Ferrum*
exercebant
vasto Cyclopes
in antro,
Brontesq.
Steropesq.
nudus membra
Pyracmon,
&c.

Here V E N V S returnd to her chariot with the graces : while
V V L C A N calling out the priests of H Y M E N who were
the musicians, was interrupted by Pyracmon, one of the
Cyclops ; of whom with the other two, Brontes, and
Steropes, see ^b Vir. *Æneid*.

V V L C A N.

Sing then, yee *priests*.

P Y R A C M O N.

—Stay, V V L C A N, shall not these
Come foorth and daunce ?

V V L C A N.

325

Yes, my *Pyracmon*, please
The eyes of these *spectators*, with ^c our art.

c As when
Hom. Iliad. Σ
makes *Thetis*,

for her sonne *Achilles*, to visit *Vulcan*s house, he fains that *Vulcan* had made twenty *Tripodes*
or stooles with golden wheeles, to moue of themselues, miraculously, and goe out, and returne
fitly. To which, the inuention of our daunce alludes, & is in the *Poet* a most elegant place, and
worthy the tenth reading.

311 gift] guift Q 313 chastest F2 : chastest Q 313 note
'a' Iul: & Manl. Q: Iul. and Manl. F1 318 whom] whome, Q 320
then,] then Q: then F1 323 Stay,] Stay Q: Stay F1 VULCAN,]
Vulcan Q 327 note 'c' Thetis, Q: Thetis F1 fains] faines, Q
a most] a-]most Q reading.] reading Q

PYRACMON.

- 330 **C**OME here then, BRONTES, beare a CYCLOPS part,
 And STEROPES, both with your sledges stand,
 And strike a time vnto them, as they land ;
 And as they forwards come, still guide their paces
 In *musicall*, and sweet-proportion'd graces ;
 While I vpon the worke, and frame attend,
 335 And HYMENS *priests* forth, at their seasons, send
 To chaunt their hymnes ; and make this *square* admire
 Our great *artificer*, the *god of fire*.

- Here, the musicians attir'd in yellow, with wreathes of
 marioram, and veiles, like HYMENS priests, sung the first
 340 staffe of the following Epithalamion : which, because it was
 sung in pieces, betweene the daunces, shew'd to be so many
 seuerall songs ; but was made to be read an intire Poeme.
 After the song, they came forth (descending in an oblique
 motion) from the Zodiack, and daunc'd their first daunce ;
 345 Then, musique interpos'd (but varied with voyces, onely keep-
 ing the same Chorus) they daunc'd their second daunce. So
 after, their third, and fourth daunces ; which were all full of
 elegancy, and curious deuite. The two latter were made by
 M. THO. GILES, the two first by M. HIE. HERNE :
 350 who, in the persons of the two Cyclopes, beat a time to them,
 with their hammers. The tunes were M. ALPHONSO
 FERRABOSCO'S. The deuite and act of the scene, M.
 YNIGO IONES his, with addition of the Trophæes. For
 the inuention of the whole and the verses, Assertor qui dicat
 355 esse meos, Imponet plagiaro pudorem.*

- The attire of the masquers, throughout, was most gracefull,
 and noble ; partaking of the best both ancient and later figure.
 The colours carnation, and siluer, enrich'd both with embroidery,
 and lace. The dressing of their heads, fethers, and iewels ;
 360 and so excellently order'd, to the rest of the habite, as all would*

331 them, Q : them Ff 333 sweet-proportion'd] *sweete proportion'd* Q : sweet proportion'd Ff 349 M. THO.] Mr. Thomas Q
 349, 351, 352 M.] Mr. Q 349 HIE.] HIER. F2 353 IONES
 his] Jones's G 357 *partaking*] *pertaking* Q

The Haddington Masque. 261

suffer vnder any description, after the shew. Their performance of all so magnificent, & illustrious, that nothing can adde to the seale of it, but the subscription of their names.

The Duke of LENOX. Earle of ARVNDELL. Ear. of PEMBROKE. Ear. of MONTGOMERY. Lo. D'AVBIGNY.		Lo. of WALDEN. Lo. HEY. Lo. SANKRE. Sir Ro. RICHE. Sir Io. KENNETHIE.	365
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Mr. ERSSKINS.

EPITHALAMION. 370

VP *youthes* and *virgins*, vp, and praise
 The *god*, whose nights out-shine his daies ;
 H Y M E N, whose hallowed *rites*
 Could neuer boast of brighter lights :
 Whose bands passe libertee. 375

Two of your troope, that, with the morne were free,
 Are, now, wag'd to his warre.
 And what they are,
 If you'll perfection see,
 Your selues must be. 380

Shine, H E S P E R V S, shine forth, thou wished *starre*.

What ioy, or honors can compare
 With holy *nuptialls*, when they are
 Made out of equall parts
 Of yeeres, of states, of hands, of hearts ? 385

When, in the happy choyce,
 The *spouse*, and *spoused* haue the formost voyce !
 Such, glad of H Y M E N S warre,
 Liue what they are,
 And long perfection see : 390

And such ours bee.
 Shine, H E S P E R V S, shine forth, thou wished *starre*.

367-8 Sir] Sir. F 376 free,] free Q 381 Shine,] Shine Q :
 Shine Ff (so in the later stanzas) 384 equall] æquall Q 388 warre,]
 warre, Q: warre; Ff 392 forth,] forth Q: forth Ff (so in the later stanzas)

The solemne state of this one night
 Were fit to last an ages light ;
 395 But there are *rites* behind
 Haue lesse of state, but more of kind :
Loues wealthy croppe of kisses,
 And fruitfull haruest of his *mothers* blisses.
 Sound then to H Y M E N S warre :
 400 That what these are,
 Who will perfection see,
 May haste to bee.
 Shine, H E S P E R V S, shine forth, thou wished *starre*.

Loues common wealth consists of toyes ;
 405 His counsell are those *antique* boyes,
Games, laughter(s), *sports, delights*,
 That triumph with him on these nights :
 To whom we must giue way,
 For now their raigne beginnes, and lasts till day.
 410 They sweeten H Y M E N S warre,
 And, in that iarre,
 Make all, that married bee,
 Perfection see.
 Shine, H E S P E R V S, shine forth, thou wished *starre*.

415 Why stayes the *Bride-grome* to inuade
 Her, that would be a matron made ?
 Good-night, whilst yet we may
 Good-night, to you a *virgin*, say :
 To morrow, rise the same
 Your ^a *mother* is, and vse a *nobler* name.
 Speed well in H Y M E N 's warre,
 That, what you are,
 By your perfection, wee
 And all may see.

Shine, H E S P E R V S, shine forth, thou wished *starre*.

a A wife, or
 matron :
 which is a
 name of more
 dignity, then
Virgin. D.
Heins. in Nup.
Othonis
Heurnij. Cras
matri similis
tua redibis.

406 *laughters*] Laughters Q: *laughter* Ff
 A, wife Q

420 note 'a' A wife.]

To night is V E N V S *vigil* kept.
 This night no *Bride-grome* euer slept ;
 And if the faire *Bride* doo,
 The married say, 'tis his fault, too.
 Wake then ; and let your lights 430
 Wake too : for they'l tell nothing of your nights :
 But, that in H Y M E N S warre,
 You perfect are.
 And such perfection, wee
 Doe pray, should bee. 435
 Shine, H E S P E R V S, shine forth, thou wished *starre*.
 That, ere the rosy-fingerd *morne*
 Behold nine moones, there may be borne
 A babe, t<o>'vphold the fame
 Of R A D C L I F F E S blood, and R A M S E Y's name : 440
 That may, in his great seed,
 Weare the long honors of his *fathers* deed.
 Such fruits of H Y M E N S warre
 Most perfect are ;
 And all perfection, wee 445
 Wish, you should see.
 Shine, H E S P E R V S, shine forth, thou wished *starre*.

⁴³¹ nights :] *nighes*. Q
 end. Q

⁴⁴³ fruits] *fruicts* Q

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THE MASQUE OF QUEENS

THE TEXT

The Masque of Queens, Jonson's most finished example of this genre, has been preserved for us in a form which does justice to its dignity and beauty. Royal MS. 18 A. xlv of the British Museum is the holograph copy on paper, twenty folios measuring $8\frac{1}{4}$ inches by $6\frac{3}{4}$, which Jonson made for Prince Henry. It is a model of fine penmanship, the text set off with wide margins. It has two slight worm-holes which do not interfere with the text, except that they delete the -*us* of *durius* (l. 152, note *r*) and the comma after 'luporum' (l. 284, note *h*). The Museum acquired the manuscript with the library of King George III.

The manuscript is in an eclectic hand blending the native and Italian forms with a practised skill due to a long familiarity with both. Had Jonson, says Sir E. Maunde Thompson, 'not been well skilled in both the one and the other, he could never have formed the mould in which he has cast this delicate example of literary calligraphy'.¹ The Italian forms prevail, as might be expected when they were so much more convenient to write. In the lower-case letters, side by side with the Italian forms, there appear the reversed English *e* (as in 'endures', l. 445, where the first *e* is reversed, the second a Greek *ε*); the double-stemmed *r* (as in 'reguard', l. 4, where the first *r* only has the double stem); the long-tailed *h* common after *g* (as in words like 'brought', 'sought', 'night', and 'light', ll. 133, 152-3, 428-9, 452), but rare elsewhere (as in 'these', l. 2); the looped *d* used initially (as in 'decline', l. 14), but never finally; *p*, an initial curve turned up to make the loop, then forming a stem looped below, and brought back to link it with the following letter (as in 'presentatio's', l. 2, 'applying', l. 346). Jonson writes 'they^r' as if the *r* was an abbreviation, but he never uses the final abbreviation *e* for -*es*.

The text of the manuscript was edited, very perfunctorily,

¹ *Shakespeare's England*, vol. i, p. 293.

by J. P. Collier in the *Five Court Masques* appended to Peter Cunningham's *Inigo Jones. A life of the Architect* printed for the old Shakespeare Society in 1848. Facsimiles of folio 2*b*, the latter half of the dedication to Prince Henry (line 22 'Humanitye' to the end), and part of folio 20*a* (ll. 749-62) were given in Mr. J. P. Gilson's *Catalogue of the Royal MSS. of the British Museum*, plate 103; a facsimile of folio 14*a* in *Shakespeare's England*, volume i, facing page 292; and a facsimile of folio 4*a* in Dr. Greg's *English Literary Autographs*, xxiv (b). In 1930 the King's Printers, Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode, issued *The Masque of Queenes by Ben: Jonson with the Designs of Inigo Jones*, edited by Mr. Guy Chapman. It is a beautiful facsimile of the manuscript, illustrated by twenty drawings of Inigo Jones, three for the scenery and seventeen for the dresses or head-dresses of the characters. The reproduction also includes a type-facsimile of the text.

Another British Museum manuscript of great interest relating to this play is Harley MS. 6947. On folio 143 there is a copy made by a Court official of the 'Invention', as Jonson would call it, summarizing the plot. Professor Reyher printed it in *Les Masques Anglais* (pp. 506-7). It is given below in Appendix XIII on pages 318-9.

The masque, produced at Court on 2 February 1609, was promptly entered on the Stationers' Register on February 22. The entry is as follows:

22^{do} Februarij

	Entred for their Copy under thandes of
Richard Bonion	master Segar and Th'wardens a booke called,
Henry Walley	The maske of Queenes Celebrated, done by
	Beniamin Iohnson
	vj ^d

(Arber, *Transcript*, III. 402)

Bonion and Walley published an edition in quarto early in the year; the printer was Nicholas Okes. On January 26

these publishers had entered *The Case is Altered*, which Okes printed for them.¹

The collation of the Quarto is in detail : A 1 blank (not found in the copies used) ; A 2 recto, title-page with the verso blank ; A 3 recto and verso, the dedication to Prince Henry ; A 4 recto to F 1 verso, the text ; F 2 blank (not found). B 3 is misprinted A 3.

Two copies have been collated—the Grenville copy in the British Museum and the Malone copy in Bodley. The former cost Grenville £1. 11s. 6d., and he notes 'This copy cost Mr. Heber £2. 13. un-bound'. It is the copy which Jonson gave to Queen Anne, and on the back of the title-page is an autograph letter to her,² in which Jonson explains his reasons for dedicating the Quarto to Prince Henry rather than to her. This historic copy has been brutally cropped by the binder, who has cut off Jonson's signature to the letter and severely damaged the marginal notes. No variant readings have been detected in the Grenville and Malone copies.

The opportunity of printing a complete work of Jonson's exactly as he wrote it is unique. We have taken the holograph for our text and reproduced it *verbatim*. The few errors he made in transcribing are faithfully reproduced. His only serious blunder is a misquotation from Lucan, which involves a false quantity, in the note on line 284 '*confōdit murmura*' for '*confūdit*'. He did not find out at first how to spell the name of the witch Erichtho ; she is 'Erictho' up to line 155. He has 'Appollonius' for 'Apollonius' and 'Hiercl.' for an abbreviation of 'Hierocles' in a note on line 163 ; 'Porphyrie' for 'Porphyrio' in a note on line 179, and 'Ciniphei' for 'Cinyphei' in a note on line 199. He leaves out the *b* in '*subsequabatur*' (l. 67, note 'i') ; in a note on line 370, '*Hesiod. in Scuto Hercul.*', he leaves out the '*in*' ; he misquotes Cornelius Agrippa in a note on line 55, '*solet executio et criminalis iudicij*', where the '*et*'

¹ See *Transcript*, III. 400.

² Facsimiled by W. W. Greg in *English Literary Autographs*, xxiv(a).

is an insertion which wrecks the grammar. In line 114 ' Holds our great purpose ? ' he writes a full stop instead of a note of interrogation, and he leaves out the period at the end of a sentence in line 245 'ground.' and line 752 ' Yorke.' Commas are dropped occasionally ; it is sufficient to quote ' *clauis* ' in a note on line 167 and ' *clamoribus* ' in a note on line 319. He twice confuses his brackets : ' (for so I (interpret it) ' in a note on line 95, and lines 410-11

These (in they^r liues, as fortunes) crown'd the choyse
of Woman-kind)

Once, in line 378, he wrongly inserts the metrical apostrophe he was so fond of :

Durst arme these Hagges, now she's growne and great,—

where the Quarto and the Folios print ' she is '. But the errors are really trivial. How many of us, if we had to make a transcript of the text and its complicated notes, would come off so lightly ?

One peculiarity of Jonson's may be noted. Anxious to keep his lines in even column, he split up words just where it suited the line : so we get such word-divisions as ' m-asqu'd ' (l. 45), ' wh-ere ' (l. 171, n.), ' ch-ange ' and ' kee-pe ' (l. 191, n.), ' glo-ry ' (l. 699).

The holograph is a fair copy. He had the original manuscript, the archetype, in reserve, but before he sent this to the printer he retouched it, so that we find clear signs of correction in the Quarto text. The changes are minute, but they are eminently characteristic. The following affect the text. The note on line 345 ends : ' *Bodin* addes, that they vse broomes in they^r hands : wth w^{ch} we armd o^r Witches. And so leaue them.' The dismissal in the Quarto is less abrupt : ' and here we leaue them.' In line 355 ' as if many Instruments had giuen one blast ', the Quarto reads ' had made one blast '. In the description of the House of Fame, ' in the vpper part of w^{ch} were discouerd the twelue *Masquers* ' (l. 361) is changed to ' in the top of which '

in the Quarto. The opening words of Heroic Virtue's speech (ll. 368-9).

So should, at FAMES loud sound, and VERTVES sight
All poore, and envious Witchcraft fly the light.—

are happily changed to ' All darke, and enuious Witchcraft '—just after the Witches, who are creatures of darkness, had fled from the splendour of the transformation. There is a slight amplification in line 456 before the speech of Fame : ' spake this ' becomes ' spake this following speech '. In lines 487-8—Penthesilea ' no where mention'd, but with the præface of Honor '—' mention'd ' is altered to ' nam'd '. In line 496 the reference to Camilla in Virgil, ' about the end of the seuenth booke ' is omitted, the marginal note ' *Æneid. lib. 7* ' making this unnecessary. In the account of Berenice's sacrifice of her hair (l. 554) there is an interesting change : ' But her Father missing it, and taking it to heart ' in the holograph, ' and therewith displeas'd ' in the Quarto ; Jonson felt a grammatical ambiguity in the second ' it '. A delicate alteration is made in his translation (l. 566) of Catullus ' *Cognoram à paruâ virgine magnanimam* ' in the picture of Berenice : Jonson wrote at first ' *Magnanimous, from a Virgin* ' ; then, realizing that he had missed the force of ' *paruâ* ', he offered an equivalent by turning it ' *euen from a Virgin* '. In line 693 ' Aboue, were plac'd the *Masquers* ', the Quarto has ' sited ' for ' plac'd ', because ' plac'd ' is used shortly afterwards in line 698.

In the note on line 51, one wrong reference is corrected to Joannes Baptista Porta's *Magia Naturalis* : ' *lib. ij. . . . cap. xxvij.* ' in the manuscript, ' *lib. 2 . . . Cap. 26.* ' in the Quarto. In the Cologne edition of 1562 it is the twenty-sixth chapter.

Only one insertion is made in the printed text, and it is very characteristic. After line 679, where Jonson has been replying guardedly and temperately to Court critics, he adds : ' For other obiections, let the lookes and noses of Iudges houer thick ; so they bring the braines : or if they

do not, I care not. When I suffer'd it to goe abroad, I departed with my right: And now, so secure an Interpreter I am of my chance, that neither praise, nor dispraise shal affect me.'¹

Equally significant are corrections of punctuation. Only an exceptional printer would have faithfully preserved Jonson's elaborate and overloaded system, and Okes was not exceptional. When he got such a punctuation as 'by, and by,' in the note on line 83, if he thought at all about the comma after the first 'by', he probably dismissed it as a slip of the pen. He spoiled the dramatic point of

And come We, fraught with spight,
To ouerthrow the glory of this night? (ll. 112-13.)

by the tame, '*And, come we fraught with spight,*' . . . Thus it is not what the printer with his normalizing instinct leaves out or reduces to commonplace, but what he puts in, that counts. At the highly dramatic moment when the Witches' charms are not taking effect, the sudden pause to which Jonson himself calls attention in a note on line 284, the holograph has

Stay; All our *Charmes* do nothing winne . . .

The Quarto prints 'Stay.' with the period marking a longer break.

We may therefore scrutinize the printed text for finishing touches. Okes could ignore Jonson's brackets: for example, 'all *Euills* are (*morally*) sayd to come from *Hell*'; this is printed 'all *Euills* are, *morally*, said . . .'. Okes regarded the parenthetical pointing as a mere pedantry on the part of the author. But he evidently followed the archetype elsewhere when he inserted brackets not supplied in the holograph:

¹ Minor changes are:—l. 23 'First, then, his Ma.^{tie} being set', MS.; 'His *Maiestie*, then, being set' Q: l. 370 note, 'I' is changed to 'we' and 'lib. ij.' expanded to 'lib. 2. *de Perseo*': l. 595 'the *Iland*', meaning Britain, becomes 'our *Iland*': l. 680 'There rests, now, that We giue the description' becomes 'There rests, only,': l. 749 'After w^{ch}, they daunc'd their third *Daunce*' becomes 'After it, succeeded their third *Dance*'. And there are two errors of omission in the Quarto: 'vertuous' in l. 479 and 'like' in l. 693.

' a Witch . . . confessed to haue killd about forty infants (euer as they were new borne, with pricking them in the braine with a needle) which she had offered to the *Deuill* ' (note on l. 175) ; ' *And I ha' beene plucking (plants among) Hemlock, Henbane, Adders-tongue* ' (ll. 187-8) ; ' This throwing vp of ashes, and sand, . . . and burying of sage &c. are al vs'd (and beleeu'd by them) to the raysing of storme, and tempest ' (note on l. 265). For the correction of commas¹ we may confine ourselves to two examples : ' *meanes, this night,* ' (l. 428) ; ' *In mine owne Chariots let them, crowned, ride* ' (l. 464).

Special points which Okes overlooked were Jonson's spellings of classical derivatives, his use of the diaeresis in ' *Chaö's* ' (ll. 146, n., 312), ' *Meroë* ' (note on l. 146), and ' *Heroës* ' (l. 687),² and the accent in such words as ' *à-sleepe* ' (l. 172) and ' *àround* ' (l. 338). The classical spellings not preserved in the printed text are—' *æquall* ' (dedication, l. 10 and l. 616), ' *æqually* ' (l. 576), ' *æquality* ' (l. 578), ' *præscrib'd* ' (l. 38), ' *fructs* ' (l. 144) and ' *fructfully* ' (l. 708), ' *præsented* ' (l. 220 note), ' *præface* ' (l. 488) ' *Moniment* ' (l. 542), ' *præsident* ' (l. 577), ' *præsentation* ' (l. 705).³ A spelling of Jonson's never reproduced by the printer is his use of medial *v* in Latin derivatives where the usage of his time was *u* : ' *Convents* ' (l. 44), ' *Conventicles* ' (l. 88, n.), ' *conventions* ' (l. 163, note), ' *converted* ' (l. 561), ' *envious* ' (l. 135), ' *invade* ' (l. 727), ' *Invention* ' (ll. 683, 701), and the Latin ' *obversis* ' (l. 345, n.).

The Folio of 1616 is a bad reprint of the Quarto : Jonson cannot have looked at the proofs. Its Latin is disgraceful. Some of the worst mistakes—' *cienta* ' for ' *cicuta* ' (l. 48, n.), ' *fortis* ' for ' *fætu* ' (l. 116, n.), ' *obstruxerint* ' for ' *obstrinxerint* ' (l. 152, n.), and ' *acceptu* ' for ' *acceptis* ' (l. 152, n.), and ' *acceptu* ' for ' *acceptis* ' (l. 152, n.).

¹ Okes was lax about these, omitting them, for example, in ' *Where, sometimes,* ' (ll. 44-5) ; ' *Ioyné, now,* ' (l. 132) ; ' *If, now,* ' (l. 240) ; ' *Do not, thus,* ' (l. 298) ; ' *And, afterward,* ' (l. 510).

² This indicates Jonson's pronunciation : so in *Epigram* cxxxiii, ' *The Famous Voyage* ' , l. 163, ' *Our braue Heroës with a milder glare* ' .

³ Once only the holograph has ' *Cæremonye* ' in the note on line 163 ; elsewhere it is ' *ceremony* ' .

(l. 319, n.)—are due to bad printing of these words in the Quarto; but this excuse will not cover such blunders as 'Cauens' for 'Cauent' (l. 163, n.), 'sanguine vino' for 'sanguine viuo' (l. 175, n.), 'silicet' for 'silices' (l. 265, n.), 'strin' for 'strix' (l. 284, n.), 'venenis . . . qui hominibus pedibusque spergant' for 'venenis . . . quæ hominibus pecudibusque spargant' (l. 319 n.), and many others. It has one corruption of the text, 'doe call things contrary to the custome of men' for 'doe all things' (l. 347).

The Folio of 1640 often corrects its predecessor's Latin. It even ventures on three emendations, but they are wrong. The incorrect quotation in the note, on line 55 '*fieri solet executio et criminalis iudicij*' has '*solent executio &*' in both the Quarto and the 1616 Folio. The 1640 Folio emends '*solent executiones*'. In a note on line 159, the end of the quotation from Lucan, '*siccæ pallida rodit Excrementa manus*' was misprinted '*sicca . . . manus*'; this is changed to '*sicca . . . manu*'. Tacitus' tribute to the '*animus virilis*' of Boadicea (l. 611), corrupted to '*animas*', was miscorrected to '*anima*'. Verify your references!

It remains to explain how we have dealt with the text in the present edition. We have treated the holograph as sacrosanct, but we have recorded in the critical apparatus deviations from it, whether of text, spelling, or punctuation, in the Quarto of 1609 and the Folio of 1616. We have, however, simplified some details. Thus, the Quarto prints the verse of the masque in italic and the descriptive passages in roman; the Folios have the verse in roman and the paragraphs describing the performance (usually) in italic. If we had recorded these distinctions, we should have had such a critical note as the following: 'loue, MS: loue Q: loue F1: love F2'. The form we have adopted is 'loue, MS: loue cet.', i.e. *ceteri*, all the other texts. Again, in Jonson's citation of authorities the printer may have given 'Delrio, *Disquisitiones Magicæ*' in full or shortened it to 'Delr.', 'Disquisit.', 'Dis.', 'Magic.', 'Magi.', 'Mag.',

as suited the spacing of his line. These accidents of printing have been ignored. Similarly we get 'lib.' and 'l.', 'cap.', 'ca.' and 'c.'. Even so the critical apparatus is very heavy, but we feel that less cannot be given if it is to contain a faithful record of the phases through which the text passed in the author's lifetime.

Note on the Quarto title-page

In his *Bibliography of the English Printed Drama to the Restoration*, published while this volume was in the press, Dr. Greg reveals a new fact about the title-page of the Quarto. The blank A 1, missing in the copies we have used, is found in the Huntington copy with a cancel title-page. 'The cancel was in fact printed on F 2. The blank A 1 . . . may usually have been removed along with the cancelled A 2, since in some copies F 2 seems to have been originally folded round the back into its new position.' As the original title-page is not found in any extant copy, its suppression cannot be explained. We can only suggest that it may have contained some misprint so glaring that the printer had to cancel it. The Quarto title corresponds verbally with that of the holograph.

THE MASQVE of QVEENES.

Celebrated

From the House of FAME

By the most absolute

in all State, & Titles,

A N N E

Queene of great Britayne. &c.

wth her honorable Ladyes.

At white Hall.

Feb. 2. /1609.

Written by B. Jonson.

Et Memorem famam, quæ benè gessit, habet.

The title-page of the holograph

THE
MASQVE OF QVEENES

Celebrated

From the House of Fame:

By the most absolute in all State,
And Titles.

ANNE

Queene of Great Britaine, &c.

With her Honourable Ladies.

At White Hall,

Febr. 2. 1609.

Written by BEN: IONSON.

Et memorem famam, qua bene gessit, habet.

LONDON,

Printed by N. Oakes. for R. Bensan and H. VVally, and are to
be so'd at the Spred Eagle in Poules
Church-yard. 1609.

The title-page of the Quarto, 1609

To her sacred Maiestie.

Most excellent of Queenes.

The same zeale, that studied to make this Invention worthy of yo^r Maiestyes Name, hath since bene carefull to giue it life, and authority : that, what could then be objected to sight but of a few, might not be defrauded of the applause due to it from all. And, because *Princes* (out of a religious respect to they^r modesty) may wisely refuse to be the publique patrons of they^r owne actions ; I chose him, that is the next yo^r sacred Person, and might the worthiest of Mankind giue it proper, and naturall defence. The rather since it was his Highnesse command, to haue mee adde this 10 second labor of annotation to my first of Invention, and both to the Honor of yo^r Maiesty.

Wherin a hearty desire to please deserues not to offend.

By the most loyall,
and zealous, to yo^r

<Ma>^{ties} <seruice, Ben Jonson.>

Autograph dedication which Jonson wrote in the copy he presented to Queen Anne (now in the British Museum with press-mark C. 28. g. 5). The binder has cut off the last line, in which the tops of 'M' 'B' 'J' 'I' appear, and the loop of what we take to be a long 'I' immediately after the 'ties'; a dot above the line suggests the presence of an 'i'.

To the glorie of our owne,
 and greefe of other
 Nations:
 My Lord
 Henry
 Prince of great Britayne. &c.

Sr.

When it hath bene my happinesse (as would it were more frequent) but to see yo^r face, and, as passing by, to consider you ; I haue, wth as much ioy, as I am now farre from flattery in professing it, calld to mind that doctrine of some
 5 great Inquisitors in *Nature*, who hold euery royall and *Heroïque*-forme to pertake, and draw much to it of the heauenly vertue. For, whether it be y^t a diuine soule, being to come into a body, first chooseth a Palace fit for it selfe ; or, being come, doth make it so ; or that *Nature* be
 10 ambitious to haue her worke æquall ; I know not : But, what is lawfull for me to vnderstand, & speake, that I dare ; w^{ch} is, that both yo^r vertue, & yo^r forme did deserue yo^r fortune. The one claym'd, that you should be borne a Prince ; the other makes that you do become it. And when
 15 *Necessetie* (excellent Lord) the Mother of the *Fates*, hath so prouided, that yo^r forme should not more insinuate you to the eyes of men, then yo^r vertue to they^r mindes ; it comes neare a wonder, to thinke how sweetely that habit flowes in you, and wth so howrely testimonies, w^{ch} to all
 20 posterity might hold the dignitie of Examples. Amongst

DEDICATION TO PRINCE HENRY. *Text from the MS.: printed in Q only.*

Heading : glorie] *Glory* Q Q expands all Jonson's abbreviations.
 3 haue,] haue Q 4 calld] cal'd Q 6 *Heroïque*] *heroique* Q
 pertake,] partake Q 8 Palace] palace Q 10 æquall] equal Q
 But,] But Q 12-13 vertue, . . . forme . . . fortune] *Vertue . . .*
Forme . . . Fortune Q 13 claym'd,] claim'd Q 14 Prince:] *Prince,* Q
 15 *Necessetie*] *Necessity* Q 16 forme] *Forme* Q 17 vertue] *Vertue* Q
 Q mindes :] mindes : Q 18 wonder,] wonder Q 19 howrely
 testimonies] hourely testimonies Q 20 Examples] examples Q

the rest, Yo^r fauor to letters, and these gentler studies, that goe vnder the title of Humanitye, is not the least honor of yo^r wreath. For, if once the worthy Professors of these learnings shall come (as heretofore they were) to be the care of Princes, the Crownes they^r *Soueraignes* weare will not 25 more adorne they^r Temples ; nor they^r stamps liue longer in they^r *Medalls*, than in such Subiects labors. *Poetry*, my Lord, is not borne wth euery man ; Nor euery day : And, in her generall right, it is now my minute to thanke yo^r Highnesse, who not only do honor her wth yo^r care, but are 30 curious to examine her wth yo^r eye, and inquire into her beauties, and strengths. Where, though it hath prou'd a worke of some difficulty to mee to retriue the particular *authorities* (according to yo^r gracious command, and a desire borne out of iudgment) to those things, w^{ch} I writt ovt of 35 fullnesse, and memory of my former readings ; Yet, now I haue ouercome it, the reward that meetes mee is double to one act : w^{ch} is, that therby, yo^r excellent vnderstanding will not only iustefie mee to yo^r owne knowledge, but decline the stiffnesse of others originall Ignorance, allready armd 40 to censure. For w^{ch} singular bounty, if my *Fate* (most excellent Prince, and *only Delicacy of mankind*) shall reserue mee to the Age of yo^r Actions, whether in the Campe, or the Councell-Chamber, y^t I may write, at nights, the deedes of yo^r dayes ; I will then labor to bring forth some worke as 45 worthy of yo^r fame, as my ambition therin is of yo^r pardon.

By the most trew admirer of yo^r Highnesse Vertues,
And most hearty Celebrater of them.

Ben : Jonson.

21 Yo^r fauor] your fauour Q 22 Humanitye] *Humanitie* Q
25 Princes] *Princes* Q Crownes . . . weare] Crownes, . . . weare, Q
26 Temples] temples Q 27 *Medalls*, than] Medals, then Q Sub-
iects labors] subiects labours Q 28 And,] And Q 29 High-
nesse] *Highnesse* Q 32 Where,] Where Q 33 mee] me, Q
35 ovt] out Q 36 readings ; Yet] readings : yet Q 37 reward
... mee] reward, ... me, Q 38 therby,] thereby Q 40 Ignor-
ance, allready] ignorance, already Q armd] arm'd Q 41 For]
For, Q 42 *mankind*] *Man-kind* Q 45 dayes :] dayes : Q
47 trew] true Q Highnesse Vertues] *Highnesse* vertues Q 49 Ben:
Jonson] BEN : IONSON Q

THE MASQVE OF QVEENES.

It encreasing, now, to the third time of my being vs'd in these seruices to her Ma.^{tie}s personall presentatio's, wth the Ladyes whome she pleaseth to honor; it was my first, and speciall regard, to see that the Nobilyty of the Invention
 5 should be answerable to the dignity of they^r persons. For w^{ch} reason, I chose the Argument, to be, *A Celebration of honorable, & true Fame, bred out of Vertue*: obseruing that rule of the ^a best Artist, to suffer no obiect of delight to passe w^{thout} his mixture of profit, & example.

^a Hor. in Art.
Poetic.

10 And because her Ma.^{tie} (best knowing, that a principall part of life in these *Spectacles* lay in they^r variety) had commaunded mee to think on some *Daunce*, or shew, that might præcede hers, and haue the place of a foyle, or false-Masque; I was carefull to decline not only from others, but mine
 15 owne stepps in that kind, since the ^b last yeare I had an *Anti-Masque* of Boyes: and therefore, now, deuis'd that twelue Women, in the habite of *Haggs*, or Witches, sustayning the persons of *Ignorance*, *Suspicion*, *Credulity*, &c. the opposites to good *Fame*, should fill that part; not as a
 20 *Masque*, but a spectacle of strangenesse, producing multiplicity of Gesture, and not vnaptly sorting wth the current, and whole fall of the Deuise.

^b In the
Masque at my
L. Hading.
wedding.

First, then, his Ma.^{tie} being set, and the whole Company in full expectation, that w^{ch} presented it selfe was an ougly
 25 *Hell*; w^{ch}, flaming beneath, smoakd vnto the top of the Roofe. And, in respect all *Euills* are (*morally*) sayd to

THE MASQVE OF QVEENES.] THE | MASQVE OF | QVEENES,
 | Celebrated | From the house of FAME: | By the QVEENE of great BRITAINNE,
 | with her Ladies. | AT WHITE-HALL. | Febr. 2. 1609. F1 (similarly
 F2) 11 life . . . Spectacles] life, . . . Spectacles, Q, F1 (spectacles, F1)
 12 Daunce] Dance Q: dance Ff 13 præcede] precede Ff 15 note 'b.'
 Hading.] Hadding. Q, F1: Haddings. F2 16 therefore,] therefore cet.
 23 First, then, his Ma.^{tie}] His Maestie, then, cet. 24 that w^{ch}] the
 part of the Scene which first cet. (scene Ff) selfe] selfe, Ff ougly] ugly Ff
 25 w^{ch},] which cet. 26 are (*morally*)] are, *morally*, cet.

come from *Hell* ; as also from that obseruation of *Torrentius* vpon *Horace* his *Canidia*, ^{c.} *quæ tot instructa venenis, ex Orçi faucibus projecta videri possit* : These Witches, wth a kind of hollow and infernall musique, came forth from thence. First one, then two, and three, and more, till they^r number encreasd to Eleuen ; all differently attir'd ; some, wth ratts on they^r heads ; some, on they^r shoulders ; others wth oyntment-potts at they^r girdles ; All wth spindells, timbrells, rattles, or other *veneficall* instruments, making a confused noyse, wth strange gestures. The deuise of their attire was *m^r Jones* his. wth the Invention and *Architecture* of the whole *Scene*, and Machine. only, I præscribd them they^r *properties*, of vipers, snakes, bones, herbes, rootes, and other ensignes of they^r *Magick*, out of the authority of antient, & late *Writers*. Wherin the faults are mine, if there be any found ; and for that cause I confesse them.

These eleuen Witches begiñing to daunce (w^{ch} is an usuall ^{d.} *ceremony* at they^r *Convents*, or meetings, Where, sometimes, also they are vizarded, and masqu'd) on the sodayne one of them miss'd they^r *Cheife*, and interrupted the rest, wth this Speech.

Sisters, stay ; we want o^r ^{c.} *Dame*.

Call vpon her, by her name,

And the charme we vse to say,

That she quickly' ^{e.} anoynt, and come away :

hoc titulo honoratas. W^{ch} Title *M. Philippo-Ludwigus Elich, Dæmonomagia. Quæst. x.* doth also remember. * When they are to be trāsported from place to place, they vse to anoynt them selues, and sometimes the things they ride on. Beside *Apule.* testimony. See these later. *Remig. Dæmonolatria. lib. j. cap. xiii.* *Delrio. Disquis. Mag. lib. ij. Quæst. xvj. Bodin. Dæmonoman. lib. ij. cap. iij. Barthol. de Spina. quæst. de Strigib. Philippo-Ludwigus Elich. Quæst. x. Paracelsus in magn. & ocul. Philosophiâ* teacheth the confection. *Vingentii ex carne recens natorū infantium, in pulmenti formâ coctum, & cum herbis somniferis, quales sunt papauer, solanū, cicuta, &c.* And *Ioa. Bapt. Porta lib. ij. Mag. natur. cap. xxvij.*

32 encreased] increased *cet.* 32-3 some, . . . some,] some . . . some *cet.*
33 heads] head *Ff* 38 præscribd] prescrib'd *cet.* 39 *properties,*] *properties* *cet.* 44 note 'd.' but,] But *cet.* 44 *Convents]* *Conuents* *Q, F1*
44-5 where, sometimes,] where sometimes *cet.* 46 *Cheife]* *Chiefe* *Q :*
chiefe *Ff* 48 note 'c.' giuen,] giuen *cet.* pre-eminence,] preheminance
Q : preeminence *Ff* one,] one *cet.* *lib. j. de]* *Lib. de Q :* *lib. de* *Ff* *Phil-*
ippo-] *Philippo. Q :* *Philippo* *Ff* 51 note 'e.' Beside] Beside, *F1* *teste-*
mony] *testimonie* *Fr :* *testimony* *Q, F2* *Philippo-]* *Philippo.* *Ff* *Elich,*] *Elich. cet. Quæst. x.] Quæst. 10 Q* *Dæmonolatriæ]* *Dæmonolatria* *Q* *de*
spina. quæst.] de spina. quæst. Q *Quæst. x.] Quæst. 10. Q* *Philos-*
sophiâ] *Philosophia, cet. formâ]* *forma* *cet. cicuta]* *cicuta* *Ff* *Cap.*
xxvij.] Cap. 26. Q : *cap. 26. F1 :* *cap. 16. F2 (Q and F1 correctly).*

^{c.} *vid. Læuin. Torr. Com- mē. in Hor. Epod. lib. ode. v.*
^{d.} See the *Kings Ma. the booke* (of *Soueraigne*) of *Dæmonologie. Bodin. Remig. Delrio. Mall: Malefi.* and a world of others, in the generall ; but, let vs follow particulars.
^{e.} Amongst o^r vulgar witches, the honor of *Dame* (for so I translate it) is giuen, wth a kind of pre-eminence, to some speciall one, at they^r Meet- ings. W^{ch} *Delrio* insinuates. *Disquis. mag. lib. ij. Qu. ix.* quoting that of *Apuleus. lib. j. de Asin. aureo. de quadam cap- pona, Regina sagarū:* and addes, *ut scias etiam tum quassdam ab ijs*

I. CHARME.

Dame, Dame, the watch is set :

Quickly come, we all are met.

¹ These places, 55
in they^r owne
nature dire, &
dismall, are
reckond vp,
as the fittest,
from whence
such persons
should come ;
and were not- 60
ably obserued

^f From the lakes, and from the fennes,
From the rockes, and from the dennes,
From the woods, and from the caues,
From the Church-yards, from the graues,
From the dungeon, from the tree,
That they die on, here are wee.

by that excellent *Lucan* in the description of his *Erictho*. lib. vj. To wch we may adde this corollarye, out of *Agrippa*. de Occult. philosoph. lib. j. cap. xlvij. Saturno correspondent loca quævis fœtida, tenebrosa, subterranea, religiosa & funesta, vt cœmeteria, busta, & hominibus deserta habitacula, & vetustate cadauca, loca obscura, & horrenda, & solitaria antra, cauernæ, putei. Præterea piscina, stagna, paludes, & eiusmodi. And in lib. iij. cap. xlij. speaking of the like, and in lib. iiij. about the end. Aptissima sunt loca plurimum experientia visionū, nocturnarūq. incursionum, & consimilium phantasmatū, vt cœmeteria, & in quibus fieri solet executio et criminalis iudicij, in quibus recentibus annis publicæ strages factæ sunt, vel ubi occisorū cadauera nec dum expiata, nec rite sepulta recentioribus annis subhumata sunt.

Comes she not, yet ?

Strike another heate.

^a Delrio.
Disq. Magic.
lib. Quæst vj.
has a story
out of *Tri-
zius*, of this
Horse of
wood : But, 65
y^t w^h o^r
Witches call
so, is some-
time a broome
staffe, some-
time a reede, sometime, a distaffe.

2. CHARME.

The Weather is fayre, the wind is good,

Vp, Dame, o' yo^r ^b. Horse of wood :

Or else, tuck vp yo^r gray frock,

And sadle yo^r ^h. Goate, or yo^r greene ⁱ. Cock,

See *Remig. Dæmonol. lib. j. cap. xiiii. Bodin. lib. ij. cap. iiij. &c.* ^a The Goate is y^e *Deuil* himselfe, vpon whome they ride, often, to they^r solemnities, as appears by they^r confessions in *Rem.* and *Bodin. ibid.* His *Mat.^h* also remembers the story of the *Diueils* appeare to those of *Calicut*, in that forme. *Dæmonol. lib. ij. Cap. iij.* ⁱ Of the greene Cock we haue no other ground (to confesse ingenuously) than a vulgar fable of a Witch, that w^h a Cock of that colour, and a bottome of blewethred, would transport her selfe through the ayre; and soe escap'd (at the time of her being brought to execution) from the hand of Iustice. It was a tale, when I went to Schoole. And somewhat there is like it in *Mar. Delrio. Disqui. Mag. lib. ij. Quæst vj.* of one *Zijto*, a *Bohemian*, that, among other his dexterities, aliquoties equis rhedarijs vectum, gallis gallinaceis ad epirrhedum suum alligatis, susequebatur.

55 note 'f.' places,] places *cet.* fittest,] fittest *cet.* *Erictho.*] *Erictho*, Q: *Erictho* F1 cœmeteria] cœmeteria Q end.] end, *cet.* plurimum] plurimum *cet.* solet executio ef] solent executio & Q, F1: solent executiones F2 58 -yards] -yards Q 61 not,] not *cet.* 65 Vp,] Vp Q, Ff note 'g.' lib.] lib. 2. *cet.* Quæst.] Quæst. Q *Triezius*,] *Triezius* *cet.* is sometime] is sometimes *cet.* 67 note 'h.' ride, often,] ride often *cet.* *Diueils*] deuills F1: devils F2. 67 note 'i.' ingenuously] ingeniously Ff blewethred] blue Ff tale,] tale *cet.* schoole. And] schoole, And Q: schoole, and Ff *Zijto*] *Zijti* F1: *Ziiti* F2 susequebatur] subsequebatur *cet.*

And make his bridle a bottome of thrid,
To roule vp how many miles you haue rid.

Quickly, come away :

70

For we, all, stay.

Nor yet? Nay, then,

Wee'll try her agen.

3. CHARME.

The Owle is abroad, the Bat, and the Toade,

And so is the Cat-à-Mountaine ;

The Ant, and the Mole sit both in a hole,

And Frog peepes out o'the fountayne ;

The Dogges, they do bay, and the Timbrells play,

The ^k. Spindle is now à turning ;

The Moone it is red, and the starres are fled,

But all the Skye is à burning :

The ^l. Ditch is made, and o^r nayles the spade,

Wth pictures full, of waxe, and of wooll ;

^k. All this is but a *Periphrasis* of the night, in they^r charme, and they^r applying themselves to it with they^r Instruments ; Whereof y^e Spindle, in antiquitye, was y^e cheife ; and (beside the testimony of Theocritus in *Pharmaceutria*, who only vsd it in amorous affayres) was of speciall act to the troubling of the Moone. To w^{ch} *Martial*

alludes, *lib. ix. Epi. xxx. Quæ nunc Thessalico Lunâ deducere rhombo, etc.* And *lib. xij. Epig. lviij. Cum secta Colcho Luna vapulat rhombo.* ^l This rite also of making a ditch wth they^r nayles, is frequent wth our witches ; Whereof see *Bodin. Remigius, Delrio, Malleus. Malefic. Godelman. lib. ij. de Lamijs.* as also the antiquity of it most viuely exprest by *Hora. Satir. viij. lib. j.* where he mentions the pictures, and the blood of a black lambe, all w^{ch} are yet in vse wth o^r moderne witchcraft. *Scalpere Terram* (speaking of *Canidia, & Sagana*) *unguisibus, et pullam diuellerè mordicûs agnam Cæperunt : Cruor in fossam confusus, ut inde Maneis elicerent, animas responsa daturas. Lanæ et effigies erat, altera cereæ, &c.* And *ÿ, by, & by, Serpenteis atque videres Infernas errare caneis, Lunamq. rubentem, Ne foret his testis, post magna latere sepulchra.* Of this ditch, *Homer* makes mention in *Circes* speech to *Vlysses : Odyss. K.* about the end *Βόβρον ὀρύζαι. &c.* And *Ouid. Metam. lib. viij. in Medæa Magick. Haud procul egestâ scrobibus tellure duabus Sacra facit, cultrosque in gutture velleris atrî Coniicit, & patulas perfundit sanguine fossas.* And of the waxen Images, in *Hyppstpyles* Epistle to *Iason.* where he expresseth that mischeife allso of the needles. *Deuouet absentes, simulacrag; cerea fingit, & miserum tenues in tecur urget acus. Bodin. Dæmon. lib. ij. Cap viij.* hath (beside the knowne story of *K. Duffe*, out of *Hector Boëtius*) much of the witches later practise in y^e kind : And reports a relation of a *French Ambassadours*, out of *England*, of certayne pictures of waxe found in a dunghill, neare *Islington*, of o^r late *Queenes* ; w^{ch} rumor I myselfe (being then very young) can yet remember to haue bene current.

70 Quickly,] Quickly *cet.* 76 -à-] -a- *cet.* 80 note 'k.' Spindle,] spindle *Ff* cheife] chiefe *Ff* (beside] beside *cet.* testimony] testimonie *Q, Fr :* testimony *F2 Pharmaceutria*, who] *Pharmaceutria* (who *cet.* 80, 82 à] a *cet.* 83 note 'l.' Malleus.] Malleus *Q :* Malleus, *Ff Lamijs.*] *lamijs, Q, Fr* viuely] lively *F2 lambe*, all] *Lambe* ; All *Q :* *lamb :* All *Ff mordicûs]* *mordicûs Ff in fossam]* *fossam F2 by, and by]* by and by *cet. Serpenteis]* *Serpentes cet. ditch,]* ditch *cet. Odyss.] Odiss. cet. facit,]* *facit Ff* And of the waxen *underlined originally in the MS, & the underline struck out. acus.] acus, Fr Boëtius]* *Boëtius cet. kind : And]* kind, and *cet. French]* french *Fr. Ambassadours]* *Ambassadors Ff. Queenes :]* *Queenes, cet.*

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^{m.} They^r little 85
Martin is hee,
 that calls them
 to they^r Con-
 venticles; w^h
 is done in a
 humane
 voyce; but,
 comming forth,
 they find him 90
 in the shape
 of a great
 Buck-Goate,
 vpon whome
 they ride to
 they^r meet-
 ings. *Delrio.*
Disquis.

Mag. Quæst. xvj. lib. ij. and Bod. Dæmonom. lib. ij. cap. iij. haue both the same relation, from *Paulus Grillandus*, of a witch. *Adueniente nocte, & horâ, euocabatur voce quadam velut humanâ ab ipso Dæmone, quem non vocant Dæmonem, sed Magisterulû, aliæ Magistrum Martinetû, siue Martinellum. Quæ sic euocata, mox sumebat pyxidem vinctonis, & liniebat corpus suum in quibusdam partibus, & membris. quo limbo exibat ex domo, & inueniebat Magisterulû suum in formâ hirci illam expectantem ad ostium, super quo Mulier equitabat, & applicare solebat fortiter manus ad crineis, & statim hircus ille adscendebat per aerem, & breuissimo tempore deferrebat ipsam. &c.*

^{n.} This Dame I At this, the ^{n.} Dame enterd to them, naked arm'd, bare-
 make to beare footed, her frock tuck'd, her hayre knotted, and folded w^h
 the person of vipers; In her hand, a Torch made of a dead-Mans arme,
 Aie, or mis- cheife (for so I lighted; girded w^h a snake. To whome they all did reuer-
 (interpret it) ence, and she spake, vttring, by way of question, the end
 out of *Homer's* wherefore they came: w^h, if it had bene done eyther before,
 description of her: *Iliad. l.* swift to hurt Mankind, strong, & sound of her feete; and, *Iliad. T.* walking vpon mens heads; in
 where he makes her both places vsing one and the same phrase to signifie her power; *Βλάπτους ἀνθρώπους. Lædens homines.* I present her barefooted, & her frock tuckd, to make her seeme more expedite; by
Horace his authority. *Sat. viij. Lib. j. Succinctam vadere pallâ Canidiâ pedibus nudis, passod; capillo.* But, for her hayre, I rather respect another place of his. *Epod. lib. ode. v.* where she ap-
 pears, *Canidia breuibus implicata viperis crineis, Et incomptû caput.* And that of *Lucan. lib. vj.*
speaking of Erictho's attire, Discolor, et vario Furialis cultus amictu Induitur, vultusque aperitur crine remoto; Et coma viperis substringitur horrida sertis. For her Torch. See *Remig. lib. ij. cap. iij.*

85 quick] quicke; *Q, Fr:* quick; *F2* 87 then:] then, *cet.* 8^l spur] spur, *cet.* 88 note 'm.' hee,] he *cet.* Conuenticles:] Conuenticles, *Q:* conuenticles, *Fr:* conuenticles, *F2* voyce:] voice, *Ff.* but,] but *cet.* Buck-Goate] buck goat *Ff* meetings,] meetings, *Ff* And *cet.* rela- tion,] relation *cet.* horâ] horâ, *Q:* hora *Ff* humanâ] humana *cet.* Marti- netû,] Martinetum *cet.* partibus,] partibus *cet.* formâ] forma *cet.* aërem] aerem *Ff* 89 Merely, merely] Merrily, merrily *Ff* Whip,] whip *cet.* now,] Now *Q:* now *Ff* 95 note 'n.' (interpret] interpret *cet.* feete:] feete, *Q:* feet, *Ff* heads,] heads, *Ff* one] one, *cet.* Βλάπτους] Βλαπτοῦς *Fr:* Βλαπτοῦς *F2* ἀνθρώπους] ἀνθρώπους *cet.* expedite:] expedite, *Q, Ff* authority,] authoritie, *Fr* pallâ] palla *cet.* capillo] capello *Ff* But,] But *cet.* his,] his, *Ff* appears,] appears *cet.* *Lucan]* *Lucan.* *Q:* *Lucan,* *Ff* *Ef]* *et Q:* & *Ff* speaking] Speaking *cet.* *Erictho's]* *Erectho's* *F2* attire,] attire, *Q, F2:* attyre. *Fr* remoto:] remoto, *cet.* Torch.] torch, *Ff* 95 naked arm'd] naked-arm'd *cet.* 97 hand,] hand *cet.* dead-Mans] dead mans *cet.* 100 w^h,] which *cet.*

or other-wise, had not bene so naturall. For, to haue made themselues they^r owne decipherers, and each one to haue told, vpon they^r entrance, *what they were, and whether they would*, had bene a most piteous hearing, and vtterly vnworthy any quality of a *Poeme* : wherein a *Writer* should alwayes trust somewhat to the capacity of the *Spectator*, especially at these *Spectacles* ; Where Men, beside inquiring eyes, are vnderstood to bring quick eares, and not those sluggish ones of Porters, and Mechanicks, that must be bor'd through, at euery act, wth Narrations.

° In the chaying of these *vices*, I make, as if one linke produc'd another, and the *Dame* were borne out of them all ; so, as they might say to her, *Sola tenes scelerum, quicquid possedimus omnes*. Nor will it appeare much violenc'd, if they^r *series* be considered, when the opposition to all *vertue* begins out of Ignorance. That Ignorance begets Suspicion (for Knowledge is euer open, &

DAME. HAGGES.

Well done, my *Hagges*. And come We, fraught wth spight, To ouerthrow the glory of this night ?

Holds our great purpose. HAG. yes. DAM. But wants there none

Of our iust number ? HAG. Call vs one, by one,

And then o^r *Dame* shall see. DAM. ° First, then, aduance

My drowsy Seruant, stupide *Ignorance*,

Known by thy scaly vesture ; and bring on

charitable) That *Suspicio credulity*, as it is a Vice ; for beeing a virtue, and free, it is opposite to it : But such as are iealous of them selues do easely credit any thing of others, whome they hate. Out of this *Credulity* springs *Falshood*, w^h begett *Murmure* ; and that *Murmure* presently growes *Malice*, w^h begett *impudence* ; That *Impudence* slander ; That *Slander* execration ; *Execration* bitterness ; *Bitternesse* fury ; and *Fury* *Mischeife*. Now for the personall presentation of them, the Authority in *Poëtry* is vniuersall. But, in the absolute *Claudian* there is a particular, & eminent place, where y^e *Poet* not only produceth such persons, but almost to a like purpose. in *Ruf. lib. j.* where *Alecto*, enuious of the times, *infernas ad limina tetra sorores, Concilium deforme vocat, glomerantur in vnum Innumera pestes Erebi, quascumque sinistro Nox genuit factu: nutrix Discordia belli, Imperiosa Fames, leto vicina Senectus, Impatiensque sui Morbus, Liurorque secundis anxius, et scisso mærens velamine Luctus, et Timor, & cæco præceps Audacia vultu ;* wth many others, fit to disturbe the world, as ours the Night.

102 themselves] themselves, *cet.* 103 whether] whither *Ff* 104 bene] bin *Q* : beene *Ff* piteous] pitious *cet.* 106 especially] especially, *cet.* 111 DAME.] DAME, *Ff* 112 And come We.] And, come we *Q, Ff* 114 purpose.] purpose ? *cet.* yes] Yes *cet.* 116 note 'o.' all.] all : *Fr* : all, *Fa* Suspicion] Suspicion *cet.* charitable] charitable.) *Ff* credulity] Crudehity *Fz* Vice :] vice : *Ff* others.] others *cet.* *Murmure* :] *Murmure* : *Ff* impudence :] *Impudence* : *Ff* That *Impudence*] and that *Impudence* *cet.* slander :] Slander : *Ff* execration :] *Execration* : *cet.* bitterness :] *Bitternesse* : *Ff* fury :] *Fury* : *Ff* Now] Now, *cet.* presentation] presentation *cet.* *Poëtry*] *Poetry* *cet.* But.] But *cet.* *Claudian*] *Claudian*, *cet.* particular.] particular *cet.* enuious] enuious *Q, Fr* factu] fortis *Ff* anxius] Anxius *cet.* et *Timor*] Et *Timor* *cet.*

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Thy fearefull Sister, wild *Suspicion*,

120 Whose eyes do neuer sleepe ; Let her knit hands
Wth quick *Credulity*, that next her stands,
Who hath but one eare, and that allwayes ope ;
Two-faced *Falshood* follow in the rope ;
And lead on *Murmure*, wth the cheekes deepe hung ;

125 She *Malice*, whetting of her forked tongue ;
And *Malice Impudence*, whose forhead's lost ;
Let *Impudence* lead *Slaunder* on, to boast
Her oblique looke ; and, to her subtile side,
Thou, black-mouth'd *Execration*, stand appli'de ;

130 Draw to thee *Bitternesse*, whose pores sweat gall ;
She flame-ey'd *Rage* ; *Rage Mischeife* ; HAG. Here we'
are all.

P. Here a-
gayne, by way
of irritation, I
make the
Dame pursue
the purpose
of they^r
comming,
and discouer
they^r natures
more largely
w^{ch} had bene
nothing if not
done, as doing
another thing:
But *Moratio*
circa vilem pa-
tulūq; orbem.
Then w^{ch} the
Poët cannot
know a greater
vice. He
being y^e kind
of artificer, to
whose worke
is requir'd so
much exact-
nesse, as in-
differency is
not tolerable.

DAM. P. Ioyne, now, ou^r hearts, we faythfull Opposites
To *Fame*, & *Glory*. Let not these bright Nights
Of Honor blaze, thus, to offend o^r eyes.

Shew o^r selues truely envious ; and let rise
Ou^r wonted rages. Do what may besee me
Such names, and natures. *Vertue*, else, will deeme
Our powers decreas't, and thinke vs banish'd earth,
No lesse then heauen. All her antique birth,
As *Iustice*, *Fayth*, she will restore : and, bold
Vpon o^r sloth, retriue her *Age of Gold*.

We must not let o^r natiue manners, thus,
Corrupt wth ease. Ill liues not, but in vs.
I hate to see these fructs of a soft peace,
And curse the piety giues it such increase.

119 *Suspicion*] *Suspition cet.* 126 *Malice*] *MALICE, Ff* 127
Slaunder] *Slander cet.* 128 and.] and *Ff.* 131 *Rage*] *RAGE, Ff*
Mischeife] *Mischief. Q: MISCHIEFE. Ff* we are] we, are *Q: we are Ff*
132 note 'p.' largely:] largely: *cet.* bene nothing] bin nothing, *Q,*
Fr: been nothing, *F2* done,] done *cet.* thing: But] thing, but *cet.*
Poët] *Poet cet.* vice. He] vice; he *cet.* 132 Ioyne, now,] Ioyne
now *Q, Fr:* Joyne now *F2* 134 Honor] *Honour Q: honour Fr:*
honor *F2* eyes.] eyes; *Ff* 135 envious:] enuious, *Q, Fr:* envious,
F2 136 rages.] rages: *Ff.* 137 natures.] *Natures. Q: natures; Ff*
Vertue, else,] *VERTUE else Ff* 140 restore:] restore; *cet.* 144
fructs] *fruits Q: fruits Ff*

Let vs disturbe it, then ;^a and blast the light ;
Mixe Hell, wth Heauen ; and make *Nature* fight
Wthin her selfe ; loose the whole henge of Things ;
And cause the Endes runne back into they^r Springs,

^aThese powers of troubling *Nature* are, frequently, ascrib'd to Witches, and challeng'd by them-selues ;

where euer they are induc'd by *Homer, Ouid, Tibullus, Pet. Arbiter, Seneca, Lucan, Claudian*, to whose authorities I shall referre more, anone. For y^e present, heare *Socrat. in Apul. de Asin. aureo. lib. j.* describing *Meroë* the witch. *Saga, & diuinipotens calum deponere, terram suspendere, fontes durare, montes diluere, Manes sublimare, Deos infimare, sydera extinguere, Tartarū ipsum illuminare.* And, *lib. ij. Byrrhena* to *Lucius*, of *Pamphile. Maga primi nominis, & omnis carminis sepulcralis Magistra creditur, quæ surculis, & lapillis, & id genus fruolus inhalatis omnem istam lucem mundi syderalis, imis Tartari, & in vetustum Chæos mergit.* As also this later of *Remigius*, in his most elegant Arguments, before his *Dæmonolatria. quā possint euertere funditus orbem, Et Maneis superis miscere, hæc unica cur a est.* And *Lucan. Quārū, quicquid non creditur, ars est.*

HAG. What o^r *Dame* bids vs doe

150

We are ready for. DAM. Then, fall too.

^r. But first relate mee, what you haue sought

Where you haue bene, and what you haue brought.

^r. This is also solemne in ye^r witchcraft, to be

examin'd, eyther by the *Deuill*, or they^r *Dame*, at they^r meetings, of what *Mischeife* they haue done ; and what they can confer to a future hurt. See *M. Philippo-Ludwigus Elich. Dæmonomagiæ. lib. Quæst. x.* But *Remigius*, in the very forme. *lib. j. Dæmonolat. cap. xxvj. Quemadmodum solent Heri, in villicis procuratoribus, cum eorū rationes expendunt, segnitie, negligentiamque durius castigare ; Ita Dæmon in suis comitijs, quod tempus examinandis cuiusque rebus atque actionibus ipse constituit, eos pessimè habere consuevit, qui nihil afferunt, quo se nequiores ac flagitijs cumulatioribus doceant. Nec cuiquam adeo impune est, si à superiore conuentu nullo se scelere nouo obstrinxerint ; sed semper oportet, qui gratus esse uolet, in alium nouum aliquod facinus fecisse.* And this doth exceedingly sollicite them all, at such times, least they should come vnprepared. But we apply this examination of o^r to the particular vse ; Whereby, also, we take ocasion, not alone to expresse the *Things*, (as vapors, liquors, herbes, bones, flessch, blood, fat, & such like, w^{ch} are called *Mediæ Magica*) but the rites of gathering them and from what places, reconciling (as neare as we can) the practise of *Antiquity* to the *Neoterick*, and making it familiar wth o^r popular witchcraft.

146 it, then ;] it then, *cet.* 146 note 'q.' *Nature* are, frequently,] *Nature*, are frequently *cet.* them-selues ;] themselves, *cet.* induc'd] induc'd, *cet.* *Claudian.*] *Claudian.* *cet.* more,] more *cet.* *aureo.*] *aureo*, Ff *Meroë*] *Meroe* *cet.* *diuinipotens*] *Diuinipotens* *cet.* *illuminare.*] *illuminare* : Ff *And.*] and *cet.* *surculis.*] *surculis* *cet.* *Chæos* *cet.* *mergit.* As] *mergit* : as Ff later] latter Q *quā*] *Quā* *cet.* *funditus*] *funditus* *cet.* *hæc*] *hac* Ff 147 Hell, . . . Heauen ;] Hell . . . Heauen, *cet.* 148 Things] things Ff 149 Endes] ends Ff back] backe, Q, Ff : back, Fz 150 doe] doo, Ff : do, Fz 151 Then.] Then *cet.* 152 note 'r.' *Deuill.*] *Deuill* *cet.* *Philippo.*] *Philippo.* Q : *Philippo* Ff *Dæmonomagiæ.*] *Dæmonomagiæ* Q : *Dæmonomagiæ*, Ff forme.] forme, Ff : form Fz *Dæmonolat.*] *Dæmonolat.*, Ff *cum*] *cum* *cet.* *segnitiem.*] *segnitiem* *cet.* *Dæmon*] *Dæmon*, *cet.* *afferunt.*] *afferunt* Ff *obstrinxerint*] *obstruxerint* Ff : *obstrinxerit* Fz *alium*] *alium*, *cet.* *fecisse.* And] *fecisse* : and Ff *sollicite*] *solicite* *cet.* *Things*] things Ff them] them, *cet.* *Antiquity*] *Antiquity*, Q 152 sought] sought, *cet.*

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¹ For the gathering peices of dead flesh, *Cor. Agripp. de ocul. Philo- sop. lib. iij. cap. xlij. and lib. iij. cap. vii. obserues,*

that the vse was to call vp *Ghosts & Spirits* wth a fumigation made of that (and bones of carcasses) w^{ch} I make my Witch, here, not to cut her selfe, but to watch the *Rauen* as *Lucan's Erictho. lib. vi. Et quodcumque sacet nuda tellure cadauer, Ante feras volucresq; sedet: nec carere membra Vult ferro, manibusque suis, morsusq; luporum Expectat siccis raptura à faucibus artus*; as if that peice were sweeter w^{ch} the Wolfe had bitten, or the *Rauen* had pick'd, and more effectuous: And to do it at her turning to the south, as w^{ch} the prædiction of a storme. W^{ch}, though they be but minutes in *ceremonie*, being obseru'd make the act more darke, and full of horror.

² *Spuma canū, Lupi crines, nodus Hyenæ, oculi Draconū, 160 Serpentis membrana, Aspidis aures,* are all mentiond, by the

Antients, in witchcraft. And *Lucan* particularly, *lib. 6. Huc quicquid factu genuit Natura sinistro Miscetur, non spuma canum quibus vnda timori est, Viscera non lyncis, non duræ nodus hyenæ, Defuit: &c. And Ouid. Metamorphos. lib. vii. reckons vp others. But, for the spurging of the eyes, let vs returne to Lucan, in the same booke, w^{ch} peice (as all the rest) is written wth an admirable height. Ast ubi seruantur saxis, quibus intus humor Ducitur, et tractâ durecunt tæbe medullæ Corpora, tunc omneis auide desæuit in artus, Immersitque manus oculis, gaudetque gelatos Effodisse orbeis, et sicca pallida rodit Excrementa manus.*

³ *Plinie* writing of the *Mandrake*, *Nat. Hist. lib. xxv. cap. xiiij. and of the digging it vp, hath this cæremonye.*

Cauent effossuri contrarium ventū, et tribus circulis antè gladio circumscribunt, postea fodiunt ad occasum spectantes. But wee haue later tradition, that the forcing of it vp is so fatallie dangerous, as the Grone kills, and therefore they doe it wth Doggs, w^{ch} I thinke but borrowed from *Iosephus* his report of the roote *Baaras. lib. vii. de bell. Iudaic.* How-soeuer, it being so principall an Ingredient in the^r magicke, it was fit she should boast to be the plucker of it vp her selfe. And,

155 I haue bene, all day, looking after
A Rauē, feeding vpon a Quarter;
And, soone as she turn'd her beake to y^e South,
I snatch'd this morsell out of her Mouth.

I haue bene gathering Wolues hayres,
The mad Doggs foame, and the Adders eares;
The spurging of a dead mans eyes,
And all, since the Euening Starre did rise.

I, last night, lay all alone,
O' the ground, to heare the *Mandrake* grone:
165 And pluck'd him vp, though he grew full low,
And, as I had done, the Cock did crow.

155 note 1. *Rauen*] *Rauen*, cet. *Erictho*] *Erichtho* cet. *quodcumque*] *quodcunque* cet. *nuda*] *nuda* cet. *ferro.*] *ferro* cet. *artus.*] *artus*. cet. obseru'd] obseru'd, cet. 157 soone] soone, Q, F1: soon, F2 159 note 2. mentiond.] mention'd cet. *hyenæ.*] *Hyenæ* cet. *Defuit.*] *Defuit*, F1 But.] But cet. *tractâ*] *tracta* cet. *siccæ*] *sicca* cet. *manus*] *manu* F2 162 all.] all Ff 163 note 3. *cæremonye.*] *ceremony*. Q: *ceremonie*, Ff *Cauent*] *Cauens* F1 w^{ch} I thinke . . . *Iudaic.* an afterthought inserted in the margin of the MS. *Baaras.*] *Baaras* Ff How-soeuer] Howsoeuer cet. boast] boast, Ff plucker of it vp] plucker up of it cet. 164 grone:] grone; cet. 165 low,] low; Ff

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Effluvia orbis, et sicca pallida rotat Excrementa manus.

3. *Illius domus*
ing of the Man
drake, that that
lie any way
and of the digging
it up, but the
ceremony Ca
ment of the
transm. denta
et turbis circum

3.

I, last night, lay all alone,
 O the ground, to hear the Mandrake groan.
 And pluck'd him up though he grew full low,
 And, as I had done, the Cock did crow

Si I think but I'm
now from the
his request of the
rock below. I'd
by to be just

and gladio circumferunt. postea sedunt ad oceanum spectantque. But now
 have Latin translation, that the forcing of it up is so saturnal dangerous, as
 the young kids, and therefore they do it with Dances. Now, never, it being
 so principal and important in their magicke, it was fit they should be
 so to be pluck'd of it up for folks. And, that the Cock did crow, alludes
 to a printed circumstance, in their works for they all confess, that nothing
 so success or safe fall to them, on they night, as that the Cock should crow
 on before they have done. Oth makes, that should little Masters, or Mar-
 tins, of whom I have mention'd before. He this seems not dismissing
 conceivings. I'm, facit prope hinc omnes, nam cum galli canere
 incipiant. With it intertext to be, because that Bird is the Messenger
 of Night, and so contrary to they'd after of darkness. See Remigius De
 monio lib 2. cap 2. where he quotes that of Apollonius, De Umbra
 Achillis. Phosphor lib 2. cap 2. And Enslin explaining in consilium contra the
 vel my to Justiniano

4. I have touch'd
 at this before in
 my note upon the
 first of the life
 of gathering flesh,
 bones, & skulls to
 wit of new born
 piece of *Excrementa*,
 lib 2. cap 2.

4.

And if he's but chattering out this scull
 From charnel-houses, that were full,
 From grimey grilles; and publick gills;
 And frighted a Bexten out of his wits.

5.

Prunus apparatus solito instructus feralium officinarum,
omne genus aromatis, dignioribusque lammis literatis, & infusidum maxin
duranti bus clausu defletorum, sepulchrorum stiam, cadaverum expellitis met
his admodum membris. hic naves & digiti. illic cornu clavi & dentium
alibi cruciata toru servatus cruro, et extorta istibus feralium trunca
calharia. And, for such places, Lucan makes his writ to inhabit them

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that the Cock did crow, alludes to a prime circumstance, in they^r Worke: For they all confesse, that nothing is so crosse, or balefull to them, in they^r nights, as that the Cock should crow before they haue done. Weh makes, that they^r little Masters, or Martinets, of whome I haue mention'd before, vse this forme in dismissing y^elt^r. conventions; *Eia, facessite propere hinc omnes, nam iam Galli canere incipiunt:* weh I interpret to be, because that Bird is the Messenger of light, and so, contrary to they^r acts of darknesse. See Remigius. *Dæmonolo. lib. j. cap. xivij.* where he quotes that of Appollonius, *de umbrâ Achillis.* Philostr. *lib. iij. cap. v.* And Euseb. *Cæsariens. in confutat. contra Hiercl. iij. de Gallcinio.*

4.

And I ha' bene choosing out this scull,
From Charnell-houses, that were full;
From private grotts; and publique pitts;
And frighted a Sexten out of his witts.

4. I haue touchd at this before (in my note, vpon the first) of the vse of gathering flesh, bones, & sculls: to weh I now

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bring y^e peice of *Apuleius, lib. iij. de Asino aureo.* of Pamphile. *Priusq; apparatu solito instruxit feralem officinam, omne genus aromatis, & ignorabiliter laminis literatis, & infelicium nauis durantibus clauis defletorum, sepulorum etiam, cadauerum expositis multis admodum membris, hic nares & digiti, illic carnosâ clauis pendendum, alibi trucidatoris seruatus cruor, et extorta dentibus ferarum trunca caluaria.* And, for such places, Lucan makes his witch to inhabit them *lib. 6. desertaque busta incolit, et tumulos expulsis obtinet umbris.*

5.

Vnder a cradle I did creepe,
By day; and, when the Child was à-sleepe,
At night, I suck'd the breath; and rose,
And pluck'd the nodding nurse, by the nose.

5. For this rite, see *Barthol. de Spina. Quæst. de strigibus. cap. viij. Mall. Malefica. Tom. 2.* Where he disputes, at large, the

transformation of witches to Catts, and they^r sucking both the spirits, and the blood; calling them *Striges.* weh *Godelman. lib. de Lamijs* would haue à *stridore, & ausibus fœdissimis eiusdem nominis;* weh I the rather incline to, out of *Ouid's* authority. *Fast. lib. vj.* where the *Poet* ascribes, to those birds, the same almost that these doe to the witches. *Nocte volant, puerosque petunt nutricis egentis, Et vident cum corpora rapta suis: Carpere dicuntur lactentia viscera rostris, Et plena polo sanguine guttur habent.*

6.

I had a dagger, what did I w^h that?
Kill'd an infant, to haue his fat.
A Piper it got, at a Church-ale,
I bad him, agayne blow wind i' the tayle.

6. They^r killing of infants is common, both 175 for confection of they^r oyntment (wherto one ingredient is the fat boyld, as I haue shew'd

163 note 3 (cont.). *thal*] that *cel.* circumstance,] circumstance *cel.* of whome] whom *G.* forme] forme, *cel.* conventions;] conuentions. *Q, Fr:* conventions, *Fa* incipiunt: weh:] incipiunt. Which *cel.* *cap. xiiij.] cap. 4. cel.* *umbrâ* *umbrâ* *cel.* *Hiercl.] Hierocl. cel.* 167 note 4. before (in . . . first)] before, in . . . first, *cel.* *aureo.] aureo, Ff* *infelicium]* *infelicium, cel.* *clauis]* Read 'clauis,' *hæc] hæc cel.* 168 Charnell-houses] Charnell houses *cel.* 169 grotts; . . . pitts;] Grotts, . . . Pits, *cel.* 171 note 5. *Spina]* *spina Q, Fr* *strigibus.] Strigibus, Q, Ff* disputes, at large,] disputes at large *cel.* the spirits] their spirits *cel.* blood:] blood, *Q, Fr:* blood, *Fa* *Striges.] Striges: cel.* *nommis,] nommis, cel.* authority.] authority, *Fr:* authority, *Fa* witches.] Witches, *Q, Ff* 172 à-sleepe] asleepe *cel.* 174 nurse,] Nurse *cel.* 175 note 6. ingredient] ingredient, *Ff* 175 dagger,] dagger: *cel.* 177 got,] got *Q*

before out of *Paracelsus*, & *Porta*) as also out of a lust to doe murder. *Sprenger in Mall. Malefic.* reports that a Witch, a Midwife in the *Diocese of Basil*, confessed to haue kill'd aboute forty infants, euer as they were new borne, w^h pricking them into the brayne w^h a needlee, w^h she had offer'd to the *Dewill*. See the story of the three witches, in *Rem. Dæmonola. lib. ij. cap. vij.*, about the end of the chapter. And *M. Philipp-Ludwigus Elich. Quæstio. viij.* And, that it is no new rite, Read the practise of *Canidia. Epod. Horat. lib. ode. v.* and *Lucan. lib. vj.* whose admirable verses I can neuer be weary to transcribe. *Nec cessant à cæde manus, si sanguine viuo, Est opus, erumpat iugulo qui primus aperto. Nec refugit cædes viuum si sacra cruorem Extat; funereæ poscunt trepidantia mensæ. Vulnere si ventris, non quâ Natura vocabat Extrahitur partus calidis ponendus in aris; Et quoties sæuis opus est, & fortibus umbris Ipsa facit Maneis. Hominum mors omnis in usu est.*

7.

7. The abuse
of dead
bodies in
they^r witch-
craft both
Porphyrie,
and *Pselhus*
are graue
Authors of.

A Murd'rer, yonder, was hung in Chaines,
180 The Sunne, and the Wind had shrunke his vaynes :
I bit of a sinew, I clip'd his hayre,
I brought of his ragges, y^t daunc'd i' the ayre.

The one, *lib. de Sacrific. cap. de vero cultu.* The other *lib. de Dæmo.* w^h *Apuleius* toucheth, too, *lib. ij. de. Asin. aureo.* But *Remigius*, Who deales w^h later persons, and out of they^r owne Mouthes, *Dæmonola. lib. ij. cap. vij.* affirmes: *Hoc et nostræ ætatis maleficis hominibus moris est facere, præsertim si cuius supplicio affecti cadauer exemplo datum est, & in crucem sublatum. Nam non solum inde sortilegijs suis materiam mutantur: sed et ab ipsis carnificinæ instrumentis, restes, vinculis, palo, ferramentis. Siquidem ijs vulgi etiam opinione inesse ad incantationes magicas vim quandam, ac potestatem.* And, to this place, I dare not, out of religion to the diuine *Lucan*, but bring his verses, from the same booke. *Laqueum, nodosque nocentes Ore suo rupit, pendencia corpora carpsit, Abrasilque cruces, percussaque viscera nimbis Vulsit, & incoctas admisso Sole medullas. Insertam manibus chalybem, nigramque per artus Stillantis labi saniem, virusq; coactum Sustulit, & neruo morsus retinente pependit.*

8.

8. These are
Canidas fur-
niture, in *Hor.*
Epod. lib. ode.
v. et vncta
turpis oua
ranæ san-
guine, Plum-
amque noc-
turnæ strigis.

The Scrich-owles egges, and the fethers black,
The blood of the Frog, and the bone in his back,
185 I haue bene getting, and made of his skin
A purset, to keepe S^r *Cranion* in.

And part of *Medeas* confection in *Ouid. Metamorp. lib. vij. Strigis infames, ipsis cū carnibus, alas.* That of the skyn (to make a purse for her *Fly*) was meant ridiculous, to mock the keeping of they^r *Familiars*.

175 note 6 (*cont.*). infants, euer . . . needlee,] infants (euer . . . needlee)
cet. into the brayne] in the braine *cet.* *Dæmonola.*] *Dæmonola, F1*
lib. ij.] 'ij' inserted above the line in the MS.: om. *cet.* *Philipp-*
Philippo-Q: *Philippo F1 Canidia.] Canidia, F1 viuo.] viue Q:*
vino F1 cædes] cædes, cet. funereæ] funereæ F1 calidis]
calidos F1 179 note 7. *Porphyrie.] Porphyrio F1 one.] one*
cet. cap. om F2 toucheth,] toucheth cet. Dæmonola.] Dæmonola, F1
affirmes:] affirmes. Q: affirmes, Ff Hoc] Hæc F1 solum] solum
cet. quandam,] quandam cet. And, [And Ff verses.] verses, Q:
verses Ff chalybem] chalybem cet. pependit] pependit cet. 180
Sunne,] Sunne F1: Sun F2 181, 182 of] off Ff 183 note 8. con-
fection] confection, Ff 184 back,] back Q 185 getting,] getting; cet.

9.

And I ha' bene plucking, plants among,
Hemlock, Henbane, Adders-tongue,
Night-shade, Moone wort, Libbards-bane ;
And, twice, by the Doggs was like to be tane.

9. *Cicuta*, *Hyo-*
scyamus,
Ophioglosson,
Solanum,
Martagon.
Doronicū,
Aconitum
190 are the com-
mon *veneficall*

ingredients; remembred by *Paracelsus*, *Porta*, *Agrippa*, & others; weh I make her to haue gatherd, as about a Castle, Church, or some such vast building (kept by Doggs) among ruines, and wild heapes.

10.

I, from the iawes of a Gard'ners Bitch
Did snatch these bones, & then leap'd ye ditch :
Yet, went I back to the house agayne,
Kill'd the black Cat ; and here's ye brayne.

10. *Ossa ab ore*
raptā ieiunæ
canis Horace
glues *Canidia*,
in the place
before quoted.
Weh *ieiunæ* I
rather change
to Gard'ners,

as imagining such persons to keepe Mastifes for the defence of theyr Groundes, Whether this Hag might goe also for *Simples* : where meeting wth the bones, and not content with them, shée would yet doe a domestick hurt, in getting the Cats brayne ; weh is another speciall *Ingredient*, and of so much more efficacy, by how much blacker the Cat is : if you will credit *Agrip. de suffitibus*.

11.

I went to the Toade breedes vnder the wal,
I charm'd him out, & he came at my call ;
I scratch'd out ye eyes o' the Owle, before ;
I tore the Batts wing : What would you haue more ?

11. These also,
195 both by the
confessions of
Witches, and
testemoneye of
writers, are of
principal vse
in theyr witch-
craft. The

Toade mention'd in *Virg. Georg. j. Inventusq;* *canis Bufo*. Weh by *Plinie* is calld *Rubeta*. *Nat. Hist. lib. xxxij. cap. v.* and there celebrated for the force in *Magick*. *Iuuenal* toucheth at it, twice (wthin my memory) *Sat. j.* and the *vj.* And of the Owles eyes, see *Cor. Agrip. de occult. Philos. lib. j. cap. xv.* As of the Batts bloud, and wings, there ; and in the *xxv. cap.* Weh *Bap. Porta. lib. ij. cap. xxvj.*

187 note 9. *Hyoscyamus*] *Hyoscyomus* Q, Ff *Aconitum*] *Aconitum*,
Ff ingredients ;] ingredients, *cet.* such *om. cet.* 187 plucking,
plants among,] plucking (plants among) *cet.* 189 Moone wort]
Moonewort Q : Moone-wort Ff 190 And,] And *cet.* 191 note 10.
canis] *canis*, Ff Weh *ieiunæ*] Which *ieiunæ*, Ff Whether] whither
Ff where] where, Ff and not] and, not Q brayne] braines *cet.*
Ingredient,] *ingredient* ; *cet.* is :] is. Q : is, Ff if] If Q *cap. om. F2*
191 Gard'ners] Gardiners Ff 192 ditch :] ditch, Q : ditch, Ff
193 Yet,] Yet *cet.* 194 Cat :] Cat, *cet.* 195 note 11. teste-
moneye] testimony Q, F2 : testimonie Ff j.] lib. i Q, Ff *canis*]
canis F2 *Rubeta*.] *Rubeta*, Ff at it,] at it *cet.* twice (wthin my
memory)] twice, within my memory. Q (memorie. F2) : twice, within
my memory, F2 the *vj.*] 6. *cet.* wings,] wings Ff *cap. Wth*]
chapter. with Q : chapter, with Ff 197 o'] of *cet.* Owle,] Owle
Ff before :] before, *cet.* 198 wing : what] wing ; what *cet.*

12.

DAME.

12. After all
they^r boasted
labors, and
plenty of
materialls (as
they imagine) 200
I make the
Dame not only
to adde more,
but stranger,
and out of
they^r means
to get (except
the first,
Papauer cor-

nuta, w^h I haue touch'd at in the confection) as *Sepulcris caprificos erutas, & cupressos funebres*, as *Horace* calls them, where he armes *Canidia*. *Epod. lib. Ode. v.* then *Agaricum Laricis*, of w^h see *Porta. lib. ij. de Nat. Magi.* agaynst *Plinie.* and *Basilisci, quem et Saturni sanguinem vocant venefici, tantasque vires habere ferunt.* *Cor. Agrip. de occult. Philos. lib. j. cap. xliij.* W^h the Viper, rememberd by *Lucan. lib. 6.* and the skinnes of serpents. *Innataque rubris Æquoribus custos pretiosæ vipera conchæ, Aut viuientis adhuc Lybicæ membrana cerastæ.* And, *Ouid. lib. vij. Nec defuit illis Squamea Ciniphei tenuis membrana cheliidri.*

Yes, I haue brought (to helpe our vowes)
Horned poppie, Cypresse boughes,
The Figg-tree wild, that growes on tombes,
And iuice, that from the *Larch*-tree comes,
The *Basiliskes* blood, and the *Vipers* skin.
And, now, or *Orgies* lett's beginne.

- 205 Here the Dame put her selfe into the midst of them, and
beganne her following invocation ; wherein she tooke occa-
sion to boast all the power attributed to witches by the
Antients : of w^h euery *Poet* (or the most) doth giue some.
Homer to *Circe*, in the *Odyss.* *Theocritus* to *Simatha*, in
210 *Pharmaceutria.* *Virgil* to *Alphesibæus*, in his. *Ouid* to
Dipsas in *Amor.* to *Medea*, & *Circe*, in *Metamorp.* *Tibul-
lus* to *Saga.* *Horace* to *Canidia*, *Sagana*, *Veia*, *Folia.*
Seneca to *Medea*, and the Nurse, in *Herc.OEte.* *Petr.* *Arbiter*
to his *Saga*, in *Fragment.* And *Claud.* to his *Megæra lib. j.*
215 in *Rufinum* : Who takes the habite of a Witch as these doe,
and supplies that *historicall* part in the *Poëme*, beside her
morall person of a *Fury.* Confirming the same drift, in ours.

199 note 12. get] get, Q first.] first cet. Canidia.] Canidia, Ff
then] Then cet. of w^h] of which, cet. Magi.] Magi, Ff and
Basilisci] And Basilisci cet. And, Ouid] And Ouid cet. Ciniphei]
Jonson should have written 'Cinyphei' 203 skin.] skin : cet.
205 Here] Here, cet. into] in cet. 206-7 occasion] occasion, Ff
208 Antients :] Ancients ; Ff doth] do Q : doe Ff some.]
some : Ff 210 Pharmaceutria.] Pharmaceutria ; Ff 211
Dipsas] DIPSAS, Ff Medea,] MEDEA Ff 212 Saga.] SAGA ; Ff
Folia. interlined in MS. : FOLIA ; Ff 214 Fragment. And] Frag.
and cet. his om. cet. Megæra] MEGÆRA, Ff 215 Rufinum :]
Rufinum ; cet. Witch] Witch, cet. 216 Poëme] Poeme cet.
217 Fury. Confirming] Fury : Confirming Q : Furie ; confirming Ff

You ^a Fiendes, and Furies, (if yet any bee
Worse then o^r selues) You, that haue quak'd, to see
These ^b knotts vntied; and shrunke, when we haue charm'd.
You, that (to arme vs) haue yo^r selues disarmd,
And, to our powers, resign'd yo^r Whipps, & brands,
When we went forth, the Scourge of Men, & Lands.
You, that haue seene me ride, When *Hecate*
Durst not take chariot; When the boystrous Sea,
W^hout a breath of Wind, hath knocked the skie;
And that hath thundred, *Ioue* not knowing, Why:
When we haue set the Elements at warres;
Made Mid-night see the Sunne; and Day the starres;
When the wing'd Lightning, in the course, hath stayd; 230
And swiftest Riuers haue runne back, afayd
To see the Corne remoue, the Groues to range,
Whole Places alter, and the Seasons change.
When the pale *Moone*, at the first voyce, downe fell
Poyson'd, and durst not stay the second *Spell*.
You that haue, oft, bene conscious of these sights;
And thou, ^c *three-formed Starre*, that on these nights
Art only power-full, to Whose triple Name
Thus wee incline; *Once, twise, and thrise-the-Same*:
If, now, w^h *rites* profane and foule enough,
Wee doe invoke thee; Darken all this rooffe,

^a These Invo-
cations are
solemne wth
them; where-
of we may see
the formes in
Ouid. Meta.
lib. vii. in Sen.
Trag. Med. in
Luc. lib. vi.
w^h of all is
the boldest,
and most
horrid: begin-
ning *Eume-*
nides, Sty-
gium; *nefas,*
pænaque no-
centiū. &c.

^b The vntying
of they^r knotts
is, when they
are going to
some fatall
businessse, as
Sagana is
præsented by
Horace Expe-
ditā, per totam
domum spar-
gens Auer-
naleis aquas,
Horret capillis,
ut marinus,
asperis, Echi-
nus, aut
currens Aper.

^c *Hecate*, who
is calld,
Trivia, and
Triformis of
whome *Virgil.*

Æneid. lib. iiii. Tergeminamque Hecaten, tria virginis ora Dianæ. She was beleeu'd to gouerne,
in witchcraft; and is rememberd in all they^r invocations. See. *Theoc. in Pharmaceut. Χαῖρ*
Ε'κάρα δασηλήτη, & Medea, in Senec. Meis vocata sacris noctium sidus veni, Pessimus induta
vultus: Fronte non vna minax. And Erich. in Lu. Persephone, nostraque Hecatis pars ultima; &c.

218 note 'a.' them;] them, *cet.* in . . . in] in . . . in *cet.* boldest,]
boldest *cet.* *pænaque*] *panaque* *F1* 218 Fiendes,] Feinds, *Q:*
Fiends *Ff.* 219 quak'd,] quak'd, *cet.* 220 note 'b.' businessse,]
businessse, *Q:* businessse: *Ff* præsented] presented *cet.* *Horace*
Horace. cet. marinus,] marinus cet. 222 And,] And *cet.* Whipps,]
whips *cet.* 223 forth,] forth *Q* Men,] men *Ff* 227 knowing, Why]
knowing why *cet.* 228 warres;] warres, *cet.* 229 Mid-night]
Midnight Q: midnight *Ff* Sunne;] *Sunne, Q:* sunne, *F1:* Sun, *F2*
231 afayd] afraid, *cet.* 233 change,] change, *Ff* 234 voyce,]
voice, *cet.* 236 You] You, *cet.* haue,] haue *cet.* 237 thou,] thou
cet. that] that, *cet.* 237 note 'c.' calld,] calld *Q, Ff* *Triformis*]
Triformis, cet. virginis] virgnis F1 gouerne,] gouerne *cet.* *Χαῖρ*]
χαῖρ Q, F1: χαῖρ F2 *Ε'κάρα*] *Ε'κάρα, Q: Ε'κάρα. F1: Ε'κάρα F2*
Medea,] Medea cet. Persephone,] Persephone. Ff ultima;] ultima, cet.
238 power-full] powerfull *cet.* 239 incline,] incline, *Ff* 240 If,
now,] If now *cet.* profane] prophane, *cet.*

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With present fogges. Exhale Earths rott'nest vapors ;
And strike a blindnesse, through these blazing tapers

Come, let a murmuring Charme resound

245 The whilst we ^d bury all, i'the ground

But, first, see euery ^e foote be bare ;

And euery knee. HAG. Yes, *Dame* ; They arc.

^d. This rite of burying they^r materials, is often confest in *Remigius*, and describ'd amply in *Horace. Sat. 8. lib. j. Vtique lupi barbam variae cum dente colubrae Abdiderint furtim terris. &c.* ^e. The Ceremony also, of baring they^r feete, is express'd, by *Ouid. Metamorph. lib. vij. as of they^r hayre. Egreditur tectis, vestes indula recinctas, Nuda pedem, nudos humeris insusa capillos. And Horac. ibidem. Pedibus nudis, passosq; capillo. And Seneca, in Tragœd. Mede. Tibi more gentis, vinculo soluens comam Secreta nudo nemora lustrauit pede.*

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4. CHARME.

^f. Here, they speake, as if they were creating some new feature, w^{ch} y^e *Deuill* perswades them to be able to do, often, by the pronouncing of wordes, & pouring out of liquors, on the Earth. Heare what *Agrippa* says, *de occult. Phi. lib. iiii.* neare the end. *In euocationibus umbrarū fumigamus cum sanguine recenti, cum*

^f. Deepe, ô, deepe, We lay thee to sleepe ;

250 Wee leaue thee drinke by, if thou chance to be dry ;

Both milke, & blood, the dew, and y^e flood.

We breath in thy bed, at the foote, and y^e head ;

We couer thee warme, that thou take no harme :

And, when thou do'st wake,

255 Dame Earth shall quake,

And the Houses shake,

And her Belly shall ake,

As her Back were brake,

Such a birth to make,

260 As is the blew Drake,

Whose forme thou shalt take.

ossibus Mortuorū, & carne cū ouis, lacte, melle, oleo, & similibus quæ aptū medium tribuunt animabus, ad sumenda corpora ; and, a little before, *Namque animæ cognitis medijs, per quæ quondam corporibus suis coniungebantur, per similes vapores, liquores, nidoresque facile allucuntur.* w^{ch} doctrine he had from *Apuleius*, w^{thout} all doubt, or question. Who in *lib. iij. de*

242 vapors ;] vapors, *cet.* 243 blindnesse.] blindnesse *cet.* tapers] tapers. *cet.* 244-7 Not inset in *Ff* 245 resound] resound, *cet.* 245 note 'd.' rite] Rite, *Q, Ff lupi barbam] Lupi barbam cet. Abdiderint] Abdiderint Ff terris.] terris Q: terris, Ff* 245 ground] ground. *cet.* 246 But.] But *cet.* 246 note 'e.' expressd.] expressed *cet. tectis.] tectis cet. nudis.] nudis cet. Seneca.] Senec, Q: Senec. Ff* 247 Yes, *Dame ;]* yes, *Dame, Q: Yes, dame, Ff: Yes, Dame, F2* 249 note 'f.' Here.] Heere *Q, Ff: Here Ff* to be able to marginal addition in *MS.* says,] saies *Ff carne] carne, cet. similibus] similibus, cet.* before,] before. *cet. doctrine inserted above the line in MS.* question. Who] question, who *cet.* 251 y^e inserted above the line in *MS.* 254 And.] And *cet.* 260 Drake.] Drake: *Q: drake: Ff*

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Asin. aur. publisheth the same. *Tunc decantatis spirantibus fibris litat vario latice, nunc rore fontano, nunc lacte vaccino, nunc melle montano, libat et mulsâ. Sic illos capillos in mutuos nexus obditos, atque nodatos, cum multis odoribus dat vivis carbonibus adolendos. Tunc protinus inexpugnabili Magicę disciplinę potestate, et cæcâ numinû coactorû violentiâ, illa corpora quorû fumabant stridentis capillî spiritum mutuantur humanû, et sentiunt, & audiunt, & ambulant. et quâ nidor suarû ducebat exuviarû veniunt.* All wch are mere arts of Sathan, when eyther himselfe will delude them wth a false forme, or, troubling a dead body, make them imagine these vanities the meanes : as in the ridiculous circumstances y^e follow, he doth daily.

D A M E.

Neuer a starre yett shot ?

Where be the Ashes ? HAG. Here, i' the pot.

DAM. ²⁶⁵ Cast them, vp ; and the flint stone

Ouer the left shoulder bone

Into the West. HAG. It will be best.

5. C H A R M E.

The sticks are à crosse, there can be no losse ;

The Sage is rotten, the Sulphur is gotten

Vp, to the skye, that was i' the ground.

Follow it, then, wth o^r rattles, round ;

Vnder the bramble, ouer the brier,

A little more heate will set it on fire :

Put it in mind, to doe it kind,

Flow water, and blow wind.

Rouncy is ouer, Robble is vnder,

A flash of light, and a clapp of thunder,

A storme of rayne, another of hayle,

We all must home i' the egg-shell sayle ;

The Mast is made of a great pin,

The tackle of Cobweb, the Sayle as thin,

And if we goe through, and not fall in—

²⁶⁵ This throwing vp of ashes, and sand, wth the flint stone, crosse sticks, and burying of sage, &c. are all vsd and beleued by them, to the raising of storme and tempest. See Remigi. lib. j. Dæmonola. cap. xxv. Nider. Formicari. cap. viij. Bodin. Dæmon. lib. ij. cap. viij. And heare Godelman. Lib. ij. cap. vj. Nam quando Dæmoni grandines cientes potestatem faciunt Deus, tum Maleficas instruit. Vt quandoque silices post tergum in occidentem versus projiciant, aliquando vt

arenam aquę torrentis in ærem conijciant, plerumq; scopas in aquam intingant, cælumq; versus spargant, vel fossulâ factâ & lotio infuso, vel aquâ digitû moueant : subinde in ollâ porcorum pilos

249 note 'f' (cont.). the same corr. MS.: the doctrine MS. originally *latice*,] *latice*; cet. *mulsâ*.] *mulsâ* Q, F1 *cæcâ*... *violentia*] *cæcâ*... *violentia* cet. *ambulant. et*] *ambulant. Et* cet. or,] or cet. make] makes cet. 265 note 'g.' vp om. Ff sage,] sage Q, F1 and... them,] (and... them) cet. Godelman.] Godelman: Q, F1 *Maleficas*] *Malificas* F1 *silices*] *filices* Q: *silicet* F1 *tergum*] *tegrum* F2 265 them,] them cet. 266 bone] bone: cet. 269 à crosse] a crosse Q: a-crosse Ff 271 Vp,] Vp cet. 272 it,] it cet. 279 hayle,] hayle. cet. 280 home] home, cet (Jonson may have corrected 'home, i' the egg-shell,') 283 through,] through cet.

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brilliant, nonnunquam trabes vel ligna in ripâ transversè collocent, & alia id genus deliramenta efficiant. And, when they see the successe, they are more confirm'd, as if the euent follow'd theyr working. The like illusion is of theyr phantasie, in sayling in egge shells, creping through Augur-holes, & such like, so vulgar in theyr confessions.

D A M E.

h. This stop,
or interrup-
tion, shew'd
the better, by
causing that
generall si-
lence, w^h
made all the
following
noyses, en-
forced in y^e
next charme,
more dire-
full, first imi-
tating y^t of
Lucan. *Mira-
tur Erichtho
Has fatis
licuisse moras;
irataque Morti
Verberat im-
motum visio*

h. Stay ; All our *Charmes* do nothing winne
285 Vpon the night ; Ou^r Labor dies !
Our Magick-feature will not rise ;
Nor yet the Storme ! We must repeate
More direfull voyces farre, and beate
The ground wth vipers, till it sweate.

6. C H A R M E.

Barke Doggs, Wolues howle,
Seas roare, Woods roule.
Clouds crack, all be black,
But the light o^r *Charmes* do make.

serpente cadauer. And then, theyr barking, howling, hissing, and confusion of noyse, exprest by y^e same Author, in the same person. *Tunc vox Lethæos cunctis pollentior herbis Excantare deos, confodit murmura primum Dissona, & humanæ multū discordia linguæ. Latratus habet illa canum, gemitusq; Luporum, Quod trepidus bubo, quod strix nocturna queruntur, Quod strident ululantq; fera, quod sibilat anguis Exprimit, et plancus illisæ cautibus vndæ, Siluarūque sonum, fractæque tonitrua nubis, Tot rerū vox una fuit.* See Remig. too, *Dæmonolat. lib. j. cap. xjx.*

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D A M E.

Not yet ? My rage beginnes to swell ;
Darknesse, Deuills, Night, and Hell,
Do not, thus, delay my *spell.*
I call you once, and I call you twice,
300 I beate you agayne, if you stay mee thrise,
Thorough these cranies, where I peepe,

265 note 'g' (cont.). And,] And *cet.* egge shells,] Egg-shells Q : egge-shells Ff 284 note 'h.' interruption,] interruption *cet.* direfull,] direfull, *cet.* Morti] morti *cet.* cadauer. And then,] cadauer. and then Q : cadauer, and then Ff noyse,] noyse *cet.* confodit] confudit G conj. : Jonson should have written 'confudit' primum] primum, Ff humanæ] humana Q, Ff Luporum, *cet.* (comma obliterated in MS. by a worm-hole) strix] strin Ff fuit.] fuit, Q, Ff 284 Stay ;] Stay. *cet.* 285 Labor] labour *cet.* 292 roule.] rowle, Q : roule, Ff 297 Deuills] Diuells Q 298 not, thus,] not thus *cet.* 299 twice,] twice ; Q, Ff : twice ; F2 300 mee thrise,] my thrise : Q, Ff : my thrice : F2

^l. Ile lett in the light, to see yo^r sleepe ;
And all the secretts of yo^r sway
Shall lie as open to the Day,
As vnto mee. Still are you deafe ?
Reach me a bough, ^k. that nêre bare leafe,
To strike the ayre ; and ^l. Aconite
To hurle vpon this glaring light :

^m. A rusty knife, to wound mine arme
And, as it dropps, I'le speake a *charme*
Shall cleaue the ground, as low as lies
Old shrunke-vp *Chaôs* ; and let rise,
Once more, his darke, and reeking head,
To strike the World, and *Nature* dead
Vntill my Magick birth be bred.

^l This is one of
they^r common
menaces, when
they^r *magick*
receiues the
least stop.
305 Heare *Erich-
tho*, agayne.
ibid. *Tibi
pessime mundi
Arbiter immil-
tam ruptis
Titana cauer-
nis, Et subito
feriere die.*
310 And a little
before to *Pro-
serpina*. *Elo-
quar immenso
terre sub
pondere quæ
te contineant,
Ennæa, dapes,*
315 &c.
^k. That withered

strayght, as it shot out. wh^{ch} is calld *Ramus feralis* by some & *tristis* by *Sene. Trag. Med.*
^l A deadly poysonous herbe, faynd, by *Ouid, Metamo. lib. vii.* to spring out of *Cerberus* his
foame. *Plinie* giues it another beginning of name *Nat. Hist. lib. xxvij. cap. iij. Nascitur in
nudis cauitibus, quas aconas vocant, & inde aconitū dixere, nullo iuxta ne puluere quidem
nutriente.* Howsoeuer the iuice of it, is like that liquor wh^{ch} the *Diuell* giues witches to sprinkle
abroad, and do hurt, in the opinion of all the *Magick-Masters.* ^m A rusty knife, I rather giue
her then any other, as fittest for such a deuillish ceremony. wh^{ch} *Seneca* might meane by *sacro
cultro* in the *Tragedy*, where he armes *Medea* to the like rite (for any thing I know.) *Tibi
nudato pectore Mænas, sacro feriâ Brachia cultro: Manet noster sanguis ad aras.*

7. C H A R M E.

Black goe in, and blacker come out ;
At thy going downe, We giue thee a shout :

ⁿ. Hoo !

ⁿ. These
shouts, and
clamours, as
also the voyce
Har, Har,

302 note 'i.' agayne.] agayne, *cel.* *Tibi* *tibi* *cel.* *cauernis,*
cauernis Q, *Fi* *contineant,* *Contineant* F2 *Ennæa,* *Ennæa* *Fi*
dapes, *dapes,* *cel.* 302 light,] light *Ff* 306 note 'k.' out.]
out, *cel.* call'd . . . by some, inserted above the line in *MS.* *feralis*
. . . *tristis*] *feralis*, . . . *tristis*, *cel.* 306 nêre] *nere* Q: *ne're* *Ff* 307
note 'l.' herbe,] hearbe Q: herbe *Ff* faynd,] *fain'd* Q, *Fr*: *fained*
F2 *Ouid,*] *Ouid.* *cel.* his inserted above the line in *MS.* name]
name. *cel.* of it,] of it *cel.* *Diuell*] *deuill* *Ff* abroad,] abroad Q
hurt,] hurt *Fr* *Magick-Masters*] *magick masters* *Fr*: *Magick masters*
F2 307 *Aconite*] *Aconite*, *cel.* 308 light:] light ; *cel.* 309
note 'm.' her] her, *cel.* deuillish] *diuillish* Q ceremony,] *Cere-*
mony, cel. *cultro*] *culto* *Fi* *Medea*] *Medea*, *cel.* *rite*] *rite*, *cel.*
know.]) *know*] *know*, *cel.* *Mænas*] *Mænas* *cel.* 309 arme] *arme*, *cel.*
310 *charme*] *Charme*, Q: *charme*, *Fi* 312 *Chaôs*] *Chaos*, Q: *CHAOS*,
Ff 314 dead] *dead*, *cel.* 318 shout:] *shout.* *cel.* 319 note
'n.' shouts,] *shouts* *cel.* clamors] *clamors*, Q, *Fi* *Har, Har,*] *Har.*
Har. *cel.*

are very particular wth y, by the testimony of Bodin, Remigius, Delrio, and M. Phil. Ludwig. Elich, who, out of them, reports it thus. *Tota turba, colluvisque pessima fescenninos in honorem Daemonum cantat obscenissimos: Hæc canit Har, Har. Illa, Diabole, Diabole, salta huc, salta illuc, Altera, lude hic, lude illic, Alia, Sabaath, Sabaath. &c., imò clamoribus sibilis, viulatibus, popysmis, furit, ac debacchatur: pulveribus, vel venenis acceptis quæ hominibus, pecudibus quæ spargant.*

o. Nor do they want Musique, and in strange manner giuen y^a by the Devil, if we credite they^r confessions in Remig. Dæm. lib. j. cap. xjx. such as y^a Syrbenazan Quires were, wth Athenæus remembers out of Clearchus, Deipnos. lib. xv. where euery one sung what he would wthout hearkning to his

320 At thy rising agayne, thou shalt haue two,
And if thou dost what, we would haue thee doe,
Thou shalt haue three, thou shalt haue foure,
Thou shalt haue ten, thou shalt haue a score.
Hoo, Har, Har, Hoo.

8. CHARME.

325 A cloud of pitch, a spur, and a switch,
To hast him away, and a whirlwind play
Before, and after, wth thunder for laughter,
And stormes, for ioy, of the roaring Boy ;
330 His head of a Drake, his tayle of a Snake.

9. CHARME.

About, about, and about,
Till the mist arise, and the lights fly out,
The Images neyther, be seene, nor felt ;
The woollen burne, and the waxen melt ;
335 Sprinkle yo^r liquors, vpon the ground,
And into the ayre ; àround, àround.

Àround, àround,

Àround, àround,

340 o. Till a Musique sound,
And the pase be found,
To wth we may daunce ;
And o^r charmes aduaunce.

319 note 'n' (cont.). y,] them Q, F1 testimony] testimony cet. Bodin,] Bodin. Q, F1: Bodin F2 Delrio,] Delrio. cet. Ludwig,] Luduugus F1 Elich,] Elich. Ff it] it, cet. turba,] turba cet. fescenninos] fescanninos Q, F1 obscenissimos] obsænnissimos Q, F1 Har, Har,] Har. Har. cet. Illa,] Illa F1 Diabole, Diabole,] Diabolo, Diabole Ff. The speeches of the Witches italic, not roman, in Q, Ff illuc, . . . illic,] illuc : . . . illic ; cet. imò] Imò Ff clamoribus] clamoribus, cet. acceptis] acceptu F1 quæ] qui Q(?), F1 pecudibus quæ] pedibusque F1 spargant] spergant F1 327 play] play, cet. 328 wth] which Ff 329 stormes,] stormes cet. 334 neyther,] neither cet. 335 woollen] wollen cet. 336 liquors,] liquors cet. 337 àround, àround,] around, around cet. 338 Àround, àround,] Around, around cet. 339 Around,] Around cet. 340 note 'o.' such] Such cet. y^a inserted above the line in MS. would] would, Q 342 daunce ;] daunce, Q, F1: dance, F2

fellow ; like the noyse of diuerse oares, falling in the water. But be patient of *Remigius* relation. *Miris modis illis miscentur, ac turbantur omnia, nec vlla oratione satis exprimi queat, quam strepant sonis inconditis, absurdis, ac discrepantibus. Canit hic Dæmon ad tibiam, vel verius ad contū, aut baculū aliquod, quod fortē humi repertū buccæ ceu tibiam admouet. Ille pro lyra equi caluariam pulsāt, ac digitis concrepat. Alius fuste, vel claud graviore quercū tundit. Vnde exauditur sonus, ac boatus veluti typanorum vehementius pulsatorū. Intercinunt rancidē, & composito ad litui morem clangore Dæmones ; ipsūq; cælum fragosā aridāque voce ferrunt.*

At w^h, w^h a strange and sodayne Musique, they fell into ^{p.} a *magicall Daunce*, full of præposterous change, and gesticulation, but most applying to they^r property : who, at they^r meetings, do all thinges contrary to the custome of Men, dauncing, back to back, hip to hip, they^r handes ioynd, and making they^r circles backward, to the left hand, w^h strange phantastique motions of they^r heads, and bodyes. All w^h were excellently imitated by the Maker of the *Daunce*, M^r. *Hierome Herne*, whose right it is, here to be nam'd.

p. The Manner also of they^r Dauncing is cōfest in Bodin. lib. vj. cap. iij. and Remigius, lib. j. cap. xvi. & xvij. The Summe of w^h M. Philippo-Lud. Elich relates, thus : in his Dæmonomag. Quæst. x. Tripudijs

interdum intersunt facie libera, et apertā ; interdum obductā larvā, luteo, cortice, reticulo, peplo, vel alio velamine, aut farrinario excerniculo involuta. And, a little after. Omnia fiunt ritu absurdissimo, & ab omni consuetudine hominum alienissimo, dorsis invicem obversis, et in orbem iunctis manibus, saltando circumeunt, perinde sua ractantes capita, ut qui æstro agitantur. Remigius addes, out of the confession of *Sybilla Morelia*. *Gyrum semper in læuam progredi.* W^h *Plinie* obserues, in the *Preists of Cybele*. *Nat. Hist. lib. xxvij. cap. ii.* and to be done w^h great religion. *Bodin* addes, that they vse broomes in they^r hands : w^h w^h we armd o^r *Witches*. And so leaue them.

In the heate of they^r *Daunce*, on the sodayne, was heard a sound of loud Musique, as if many Instruments had giuen 355 one blast. W^h w^h, not only the *Hagg*es themselues, but they^r *Hell*, into w^h they ranne, quite vanishd ; and the whole face of the *Scene* alterd ; scarse suffring the memory of any such thing : But, in the place of it appear'd a glorious

340 note 'o' (cont.). *verius*] *verius* cet. *fuste*] *fuste* cet. *tundit*] *tundit*, Q, F1 : *tundit* F2 *fragosā aridāque*] *fragosa aridaque* cet. 344 strange] *strange*, cet. *Musique*] *Musique* Q : *musique* Ff 345 note 'p.' and] And cet. *Remigius*] *Remig* F1 *Philippo*] *Phili*. F1 : *Phil*. F2 *Elich*] *Elich*. Ff relates, thus :] relates thus, cet. *libera*] *et apertā*] *liberā et apertā*, cet. *obductā*] *obducta* Q, F1 And.] And cet. *obversis*] *obversus* Q, F1 *circumeunt*] *circumeant* Q, F1 addes.] addes cet. *Sybilla*] *Sibilla* Q, F1 *Morelia*] *Morelia*, cet. W^h] which Q, F1 *obserues*] *obserues* cet *Cybele*] *Cybile* Ff hands :] hands, cet. *Witches*. And so] *Witches* ; and here we Q, F2 : *witches* ; and here we F1 346 who,] who cet 347 all] call F1 348 dauncing.] dauncing cet. hip to] and hip to cet. 352 is,] is cet. 355 giuen] made cet. 356 blast. W^h w^h,] *blast, with which* cet. 357 they^r *Hell*] the *hell* Ff 357 vanishd :] *vanished*, cet. 358 alterd :] *altred*, cet. 359 any such] *such* a cet. But.] But cet. it] *it*, cet. glorious] *glorious*, cet.

360 and magnificent Building, figuring the *House of Fame*, in
the vpper part of w^{ch} were discoverd the twelue *Masquers*
sitting vpon a Throne triumphall, erected in forme of a
Pyramide, and circled wth all store of light. From whome,
a Person, by this time descended, in the furniture of *Perseus*;
365 and, expressing *heroicall*, and *masculine Vertue* began to
speake.

HEROIQVE VIRTVE.

So should, at FAMES loud sound, and VERTVES sight
All poore, and envious Witchcraft fly the light.

¶ The Antients
expressd a
braue, and
masculine
virtue, in
three figures.
(Of *Hercules*,
Perseus, and
Bellerophon)
of w^{ch} I chose
y^t of *Perseus*,
armd, as I
haue him
describ'd out
of *Hesiod*.
Scuto Hercul.
See *Apollodor*.
the *Gram-*
arian, of him.
lib. ij.

I did not borrow *Hermes* wings, nor aske
His crooked sword, nor put on *Pluto's* caske,
Nor, on mine arme aduanced wise *Pallas* sheild,
(By w^{ch}, my face auers'd, in open feild
I slew the *Gorgon*) for an empty name :
When *Vertue* cut of *Terror*, he gat *Fame*.
And, if when *Fame* was gotten, *Terror* dyde
What black *Erynnis*, or more Hellish pride
Durst arme these Haggas, now she's growne, and great,
To think they could her Glories once defeate ?
I was her Parent, and I am her Strength.
Heroique Vertue sinkes not vnder length
Of yeares, or Ages, but is, still, the same
While he preserues, as when he got good *Fame*.
My Daughter, then, whose glorious house you see
385 Built all of sounding brasse, whose Columnnes bee
Men-making *Poets*, and those well made *Men*,
Whose strife it was, to haue the happiest pen

361 vpper part] *top cet.* *Masquers*] *Masquers*, Q: *masquers*,
Fr: *Masquers*, F2 363 whome,] *whom cet.* 365 and,] *and Ff*
heroicall] *heroique cet.* *Vertue*] *Vertue*, Q, F2: *vertue*, Fr 368 sight]
sight, *cet.* 369 poore] *darke cet.* 370 note 'q,' braue,] *braue cet.*
Virtue,] *Vertue cet.* figures.] *figures cet.* of w^{ch} I chose] *Of which*
wee choose *cet.* arm'd,] *arm'd Q, Fr: armed F2* I] *we cet.* describ'd]
describ'd him, *cet.* *Scuto*] *Scuto*, Q, Fr: read 'in *Scuto*' *Apollodor*.]
Apollodor, Q, Fr of him. *lib. ij.*] *lib. 2. de Perseo. cet.* 372 Nor, ...
arme] *Nor ... arme. cet.* 375 of] *off cet.* 376 dyde] *dy'de, Q: di'de, Ff*
377 pride] *pride, cet.* 378 she's] *she is Q: shee is Ff (correctly)*
382 Ages,] *Ages; Q: ages; Ff* is, still,] *is still cet.* same] *same, cet.*
385 all of] *of Ff* 386 well made] *well-made Ff*

Renowme them to an after-life, and not
 Wth pride to scorne the Muse, & dye, forgot ;
 She, that enquireth into all the world, 390
 And hath, about her vaulted *Palace*, hoorl'd
 All rumors, and reports, or true or vayne,
 What vtmost Landes, or deepest Seas contayne :
 (But, only, hangs great *actions*, on her file.)
 She, to this *lesser World*, and *greatest Ile*, 395
 To night, soundes Honor, w^h she would haue seene
 In yond' bright Beuie, each of them a *Queene*.
 Eleuen of them are of Times, long gone.
Penthesilea, the braue *Amazon*,
 Swift-foote *Camilla*, *Queene* of *Volscia*, 400
 Victorious *Thomyris* of *Scythia*,
 Chast *Artemisia*, the *Carian* Dame,
 And fayre-hayr'd *Beronice*, *Ægipts* fame,
Hysicratea, Glory'of *Asia*,
Candace, pride of *Æthiopia* 405
 The *Britanne* honor, *Voadicea*,
 The vertuous *Palmyrene* *Zenobia*,
 The wise, and warlike *Goth*, *Amalasunta*,
 And bold *Valasca* of *Bohemia*.
 These (in they^r liues, as fortunes) crown'd the choyse 410
 of Woman-kind) and 'gaynst all opposite voyce
 Made good to Time, had after death the clayme
 To liue æternis'd in the *House of Fame*.
 Where howrely hearing (as what there is old ?)
 The Glories of *Bel-anna* so well told, 415

388 Renowme] Renowne *cet.* 389 pride] pride, *cet.* dye,] *dye*
 Q : die *Ff* 390 enquireth] inquireth *cet.* 392 rumors,]
 rumors *cet.* true] true, *cet.* 393 contayne:] containe; *cet.*
 394 But, only,] But only *Ff* file,] file) *cet.* 396
 night,] night *cet.* 397 Beuie,] BEVIE *Ff* 403 *Ægipts*]
 Aegypts Q : *Ægypt* *Ff* 404 Glory'of] glorie of *Ff* : glory of *F2*
 405 *Æthiopia*] *Æthiopia.* *cet.* 406 *Britanne*] *Brittanne* Q : *Brittane*
F1 : *Brittane* *F2* 407 *Palmyrene*] *Palmyrene*, Q : *PALMYRENE*, *Ff*
 409 *Valasca*] *Valasca*, Q : *VALASCA*, *Ff* 410 These (in . . . fortunes)]
 These, in . . . fortunes, *cet.* 411 Woman-kind)] *Woman-kind*, Q :
 woman-kind, *Ff* 412 had after death] had, after death, *Ff*
 413 æternis'd] eternis'd *Ff* 414 howrely] hourely *cet.* as]
 as, *cet.*

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- Queene of the Ocean ; How that she, alone,
 Possest all vertues, for w^h, One by One,
 They were so fam'd ; And, wanting then a head,
 To forme y^t sweete, and gracious *Pyramede*,
 420 Wherin they sit, it being the soueraigne Place
 of all that *Palace*, and reseru'd to grace
 The worthiest *Queene* : These, w^hout envy, 'on her
 In life desir'd that honor to confer,
 W^h, w^h theyr death, no other should enioy.
 425 She this embracing, w^h a vertuous ioy,
 Farre from *selfe-loue*, as humbling all her Worth
 To him that gaue it, hath agayne brought forth
 They^r Names to Memory, and meanes this night
 To make her, once more, visible to light.
 430 And to that light, from whence her truth of spirit
 Confesseth all the lustre of her Merit.
 To you, most royall, and most happy King,
 Of whome *Fames* house, in euery part, doth ring
 For euery vertue ; But can giue no'increase :
 435 Not, though her loudest Trumpet blaze yo^r peace.
 To you that cherish euery great Example
 Contracted in yo^r selfe ; and, being so ample
 A Feild of honor, cannot but embrace
 A *spectacle*, so full of loue, and grace
 440 Vnto yo^r Court : where euery *Princkly Dame*
 Contendes to be as bounteous of her Fame,
 To others, as her Life was good to her.
 For, by they^r liues, they only did confer
 Good on them selues, but by they^r fame, to you^rs,
 445 And euery Age, the Benefit endures.

416 How . . . she, alone,] How, . . . she alone *cel.* 417 w^h, One by
 One,] *which One by One Q* : which one by one *Ff* 418 head,] head
cel. 419 *Pyramede*,] *Pyramede Q, F2* : *pyramede F1* 420 soueraigne]
 sou'raigne *cel.* 423 life] life, *Q, Ff* 425 embracing,] embracing
cel. 426 Worth] worth, *cel.* 428 Memory,] memory ; *Q, F2* :
 memorie ; *F1* meanes this night] meanes, this night, *cel.* 429
 her,] them *cel.* more,] more *cel.* light,] light : *cel.* 433 whome]
whome, Q : whom, *Ff* 436 you] you, *cel.* 437 and,] and *cel.*
 438 Feild] field *Ff* 441 Fame,] *Fame Q* : fame *Ff* 444
 them selues, but] themselves ; but, *cel.*

Here, the Throne wherein they sate, being *Machina versatilis*, sodaynely chang'd ; and in the Place of it appeard *Fama bona*, as she is describ'd, in Iconolog. di Cesare Ripa. attir'd in white, wth white Wings, hauing a collar of Gold, about her neck, and a heart hanging at it ; w^{ch} *Orus Apollo* 450 in his *Hieroglyph*. interprets the note of a good fame. In her right hand she bore a trumpet, in her left an oliue-branch, and for her state, it was as *Virgil*^r. describes her, at the full, ^{r. Æneid. lib. 4.} her feete on the Ground, and her head in the Cloudes. She, after the Musique had done, w^{ch} wayted on the turning of 455 the *Machine*, calld from thence to *Vertue*, and spake this.

F A M E.

Virtue, my Father, and my Honor ; Thou
That mad'st mee good, as great ; And darst auow
No *Fame* for thine, but what is perfect : Ayde, 460
To night the Triumphes of thy *white wing'd Mayde*.
Do those renowned Queenes all vtmost rites
They^r states can aske. This is a Night of nights.
In mine owne *Chariots*, let them crowned ride ;
And mine owne Birds, & Beasts in geeres apply'd, 465
To draw them forth. Vnto the first *Carre*, tie
Farre-sighted *Eagles*, to note *Fames* sharpe eye ;
Vnto the second, *Griffons*, that designe
Swiftnesse, and strength, two other guifts of mine :
Vnto the last, o^r *Lions*, that implie 470
The top of graces, *State*, and *Maiestie*.
And, let those *Hagg*es be led, as Captiues, bound
Before they^r wheeles, whilst I my trumpet sound.

448 describ'd, in . . . Ripa.] describ'd (in . . . Ripa) cet. Cesare] Cæsare
F2 449 Gold.] gold cet. 450 it:] it: cet. Apollo] Apollo, Q :
APOLLO, F1: APOLLO, F2 452 hand] hand, cet. 452 trumpet]
Trompet Q -branch,] branch : cet. 453 was] was, cet. as . . . her
inserted above the line in MS. note 'r.' lib. om. cet. 456 thence]
thence, cet. this] this following speech cet. 458 Virtue] VERTVE Ff
460 Fame] Fame, Q, F2: fame, F1 461 night] night, cet. 462
renowned] renowned Q, Ff 464 Chariots, let them crowned] chariots
let them, crowned, cet. (Chariots, Q) 465 apply'd,] appli'de cet. 466
Carre,] Carre Q: carre Ff 467 eye:] eye. cet. 469 Swiftnesse,]
Swiftnesse cet. guifts] gifts cet. mine :] mine. cet. 472 And,
. . . led,] And . . . led cet.

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At w^{ch}, the loud *Musique* sounded, as before ; to giue the
 475 *Masquers* time of descending. And here, wee cannot but
 take the opportunity, to make some more particular descrip-
 tion of the *Scene*, as also of the *Persons* they presented :
 w^{ch}, though they were dispos'd rather by *chance*, then
Election, Yet is it my part to iustefie them all vertuous ;
 480 and, then, The Lady, that will owne her presentation, May.

To follow therfore the rule of *Chronologie*, w^{ch} Wee haue
 obseru'd in o^r *verse* ; The most vpward in time was *Penthe-*
silea. She was Queene of the *Amazons*, and succeeded
Otrera, or (as some will) *Orythia*. She liu'd, and was pre-
 485 sent at the Warre of *Troy*, on they^r part, agaynst the *Greekes*,
 where (as^a *Iustine* giues her testimony) *inter fortissimos viros*,
magna eius virtutis documenta extitère. Shee is no where
 mentiond, but wth the præface of Honor, and virtue ; and
 is allwayes aduanced in the head, of the worthiest Women.
 490 ^b *Diodorus Siculus* makes her the Daughter of *Mars*. She
 was honord, in her death, to haue it the act of *Achilles*.
 495 Of w^{ch}, ^c *Propertius* sings this Triumph to her Beauty.

Aurea cui postquam nudauit cassida frontem,
Vicit victorem candida forma virum.

495 Next, followes *Camilla*, Queene of the *Volscians*, celebrated
 500 ^d *Æneid. lib. 7.* by ^e *Virgil*, about the end of the seuenth booke ; then whose
Verses nothing can bee imagin'd more exquisite, or more
 honoring the person they describe. They are these, where
 he reckons vp those, that came on *Turnus* part, agaynst
 500 *Æneas*.

477 the *Scene*] their *Scene* Q, F2 : their *scene* F1 presented :]
 presented ; *cet.* 479 all vertuous ; and,] all : And *cet.* 480
 The Lady,] the *Lady* *cet.* 481 follow therfore the] follow, therefore
 the, Q : follow, therefore, the Ff Wee] I *cet.* 482 o^r] my *cet.*
verse ;] *verse*, Q, F1 : *Verse*, F2 484 *Orythia*. She] *Orithya* ; she
 Q : *ORITHYA* ; shee Ff (she F2) present] present, *cet.* 485 Warre]
 siege G *Troy.*] *Troy* *cet.* 486 where] and *cet.* note 's.' *om.*
cet. testimony] testimony *cet.* 487 *extitère*] *extitere* *cet.* 488
 mentiond] nam'd *cet.* præface] preface *cet.* virtue] vertue
cet. 489 head,] head *cet.* 491 honord, . . . death,] honor'd . . . death
cet. 492 w^{ch},] which *cet.* 496 about . . . booke ; *om. cet.* 499
Turnus] *Turnus* his Q : *TURNVS* his Ff

^a *Epitom.*
Trog. Pomp.
lib. 2.

^b *Hist. lib. 2.*

^c *lib. 3. Eleg.*
10.

^d *Æneid. lib. 7.*

*Hos super aduenit Volscâ de gente Camilla,
Agmen agens equitum, & florentis ære cateruas,
Bellatrix. Non illa colo, calathisue Mineræ
Femineas assueta manus, sed prælia virgo
Dura pati, cursuq; pedum præuolante ventos. 505
Illa vel intactæ segetis per summa volaret
Gramina, nec teneras cursu læsisset aristas :
Vel mare per medium, fluctu suspensa tumentis,
Ferret iter, celereis nec tingeret æquore plantas.*

And, afterward, tells her attire, and Armes; wth the ad- 510
miration, that the Spectators had of her. All w^{ch} if the Poet
created out of himselfe, w^{thout} Nature, he did but shew,
how much so diuine a Soule could exceede her.

The third liud, in the age of Cyrus, the great Persian Mon-
arch, and made him leaue to liue; Thomyris, Queene of the 515
Scythians, or Massagets. A Heroïne, of a most invincible,
and vnbroken fortitude. Who, when Cyrus had invaded her,
and, taking her only Sonne (rather by trechery, thē warre, as
shee objected) had slayne him; not touch'd wth the greife of
so great a losse, in the iuster comfort she tooke of a greater 520
reuenge, pursued not only the occasion, and honor of con-
quering so potent an Enemye, wth whome fell two hundred
thousand souldiers: but, (what was right memorable in her
victory) left not a Messenger suruiuing, of his side to report
the Massacre. She is remembred both by ^y. Herodotus, and ^r. in Clio.
². Iustine, to the great renowme, and Glory of her kind: wth ². Epito. lib. x.
this Elogie. *Quod potentissimo Persarum Monarchæ bello
congressa est, ipsumque et vitâ, & castris spoliavit, ad iustè
vlciscendam filij eius indignissimam mortem.*

The fourth was honored to life, in the time of Xerxes, and 530
present at his great expedition into Greece; Artemisia, the

501 Volscâ] Volsca cet. 504 Femineas] Fæmineas Ff assueta]
assueta, Ff 507 teneras] tener as Ff 510 And, afterward,] And
afterward cet. Armes;] Armes, Q, F2: armes, Ff 514 liud,]
liu'd cet. Monarch,] Monarch; cet. 515 liue;] liue. cet. 516
Heroïne,] Heroïne. cet. 520 greater] great F3 521 honor] honour Q
523 but,] but cet. 526 renowme] renowne Q, Ff: renown F2 527
Quod] Quod cet. 528 ipsumque] ipsamque Q, Ff vitâ,] vita cet.
530 life,] life cet. the time] time F3, G

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- ^a in Polymn. *Queene of Caria*: whose vertue ^a *Herodotus*, not w^thout some wonder, records. That a Woman, A *Queene*, w^thout a Husband, her Sonne a ward, and she administring the
 535 gouernment, occasion'd by no necessety, but a mere excellence of spirit, should embarque her selfe for such a Warre ; and, there, so to behaue her, as *Xerxes*, beholding her fight, should say : ^b *Viri quidem extiterunt mihi feminæ, feminæ autem viri*. She is no lesse renowm'd for her chastety and loue to her Husband, *Mausolus*, ^c whose bones, (after he was dead) she preseru'd in ashes, and drunke in wine, making
^b *Herod. in Vrania.* her selfe his tombe : and, yet, built to his memory a *Moniment*, deseruing a place among the seauen *Wonders of the World*, w^{ch} could not be done by lesse then a Wonder of
^c *Val. Max. lib. 4, cap. 6. and A. Gell. lib. 10. cap. 18.* 545 Women.

The fifth was the fayre-hayrd Daughter of *Ptolomæus Philadelphus*, by the elder *Arsinoë* ; Who (maried to her brother *Ptolomæus*, surnam'd *Euergetes*) was afterward
 550 *Queene of Ægipt*. I find her written both *Beronice*, and *Berenice*. This Lady, vpon an expedition of her new-wedded Lord, into *Assyria*, vowed to *Venus*, if he returnd safe, and conquerour, the offring of her hayre ; W^h vow of hers (exacted by the successe) she afterward pform'd : But her Father missing it, and taking it to heart, *Conon*, a *Mathe-*
 555 *matician*, who was then in household wth *Ptolomæe*, and knew well to flatter him, perswaded the King, that it was tane vp to Heauen, and made a *Constellation* ; shewing him those *seuen starres*, *ad caudam Leonis*, w^h are since call'd

533 That] That, Q, Ff 537 and,] and cet. 538 *feminæ, feminæ*] *fæminæ, fæminæ* Ff 539 renowm'd] renowned cet. chastety] chastity, Q, F2: chastitie, Ff 541 wine,] wine Q 542 Monument] Monument Q, F2: monument Ff 543 seauen] seuen cet. 546 fayre-hayrd] faire hayr'd Ff 547-8 Who (maried . . . *Euergetes*)] who, maried . . . *Euergetes*, Q: who, married . . . *EVERGETES*, Ff 548 afterward] after cet. 549 *Ægipt*] *Egypt* Q: *Ægypt* Ff 550 new-wedded Lord,] new wedded Lord cet. 552 conquerour] conqueror cet. 553 pform'd: But] perform'd: But, Q: perform'd. But, Ff 554 taking it to heart] therewith displeas'd cet. 555 *Ptolomæe*] *PROLOMEY* Ff: *PTOLOMEY* F2 556 King,] king Q, Ff: King F2 557 tane] ta'ne cet.

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Coma Beronices. W^h Story, then presently celebrated by *Callimachus*, in a most elegant *Poëme*, *Catullus* more 560 elegantly converted; wherein they call her the *Magnanimous, from a Virgin*: alluding (as ^{d.} *Hyginus* sayth) to a rescue she made of her Father, in his flight, and restoring the honor, and courage of his Army, euen to a victory. The words are,

^{e.} *Cognoram à parua virgine magnanimam.*

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^{a.} *Cat. de comâ Beronic.*

The sixth, that famous Wife of *Mithridates*, and *Queene of Pontus, Hypsicratea*, no lesse an example of *Vertue*, then the rest: Who so lou'd her Husband, as she was assistant to him in all labors, and hazards of the Warre, in a Masculine habite. For w^h cause (as ^{f.} *Valerius Maximus* obserues) she departed w^h a cheife ornament of her beauty. *Tonsis enim capillis, equo se & armis assuefecit, quò facilius laboribus, & periculis eius interesset.* And, afterward, in his flight from *Pompey*, accompanied his misfortune, w^h a mind, and body æqually vnwearied. She is solemnly registred by that graue *Author*, as a notable præsidet of *Mariage-loyalty*, and *loue*: vertues, that might rayse a meane person to the æquality, w^h a *Queene*; but a *Queene* to the state, and honor of a *Deitye*.

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The seuenth, that renowme of *Æthiopia, Candace*; from whose excellencye, the succeeding *Queenes*, of that *Nation*, were ambitious to be calld so. A woman of a most haughty spirit, agaynst enemies; and singular affection to her

560 *Callimachus*] Jonson wrote originally ' *Catullus* ' *Poëme*] *Poeme* Q, F2: *poeme* F1 561 converted] conuerted Q, F1 562 from] euen from cet. sayth] sayes Q: saies F1: says F2 563 Father,] Father Q: father Ff 564 honor, and courage] courage and honor cet (honour Q) The] Their cet. 566 *parua*] *parua* cet. 568 *Vertue*,] *vertue* cet. 569 rest: Who] rest; who cet. 570 labors] labours Ff hazards] hazard F3 572 cheife] chiefe cet. 573 *quò facilius*] *quo facilius* cet. *laboribus*,] *laboribus* cet. 576 æqually] equally cet. registred] registred, Ff 577 *Author*] *authour* F1 577 præsidet] president cet. 578 to the æquality,] to equality Q, F2: to equalitie F1 579 honor] honour Q, F1 581 renowme] renowne cet. *Candace*,] *CANDACE*: cet. 582 *Queenes*, . . . *Nation*,] *Queenes* . . . *Nation* Q: *queenes* . . . nation Ff (*Queens* F2) 583 woman] woman, Q, F1 584 spirit,] spirit cet. enemies,] *Enemies*, Q: *enemies*, Ff and] and a Q, Ff

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^{a.} *Hist. Rom.*
lib. 54.
^{b.} *Nat. Hist.*
lib. 6. cap. 29.

subjects. I find her, celebrated, by ^{b.} *Dion*, and ^{a.} *Plinie*, invading *Ægypt*, in the time of *Augustus*; who, though she was enforc'd to a peace, by his Lieutenant *Petronius*, doth not the lesse worthely hold her place, here; when euery where this *Elogie* remaynes of her Fame; that she was *Maximi*
590 *animi Mulier, tantique in suos meriti, ut omnes deinceps*
Æthiopum reginæ eius nomine fuerint appellatæ. She govern'd in *Meroë*.

The eyght, or owne Honor, *Voadicea*, or *Boodicia*; by some *Bunduica*, and *Bunduca*: *Queene* of the *Iceni*. A people
595 that inhabited that part of the *Iland*, w^{ch} was call'd *East-Anglia*, and comprehended *Suffolke*, *Norforlke*, *Cambridge*, and *Huntiſdon* Shires. Since she was borne, here at home, we will first honor her wth a home-borne testimony; from

^{1.} *Ruin. of Time.* the graue and diligent ^{1.} *Spenser*.

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Bunduca Britonesse,

Bunduca, that victorious Conqueresse,

That, lifting vp her braue heroique thought

'Boue womens weakenesse, wth the Romanes fought;

Fought, and, in feild agaynst them, thrise preuayled: &c.

^{k.} *Annal. lib.*
^{14.}
^{1.} *Epit. Ioan.*
Xiphilin. in
Ner.

To w^h, see her Orations in story, made by ^{k.} *Tacitus*, and ^{1.} *Dion*: wherein is express'd all magnitude of a spirit, breathing to the liberty, and redemption of her Countrey. The latter of whome doth honest her, beside, wth a particular description. *Bunduica, Britannica femina, orta stirpe regid,*
610 *quæ non solum eis cum magnâ dignitate præfuit, sed etiam*

585 her, celebrated,] her celebrated *cet.* *Dion*] the *DION F2* 586
Ægypt] *Ægypt Q: Ægypt Ff* 587 peace,] peace *cet.* 588 place,] place
cet. 589 Fame; that] Fame; That *Q: fame; That Ff* 592
Meroë] *Meroë cet.* 593 eyght] eighth *F2* Honor] honour *F1*
Boodicia] *BOODICEA cet.: Boadicea G* 595 the] our *cet.* 596
comprehended] comprehended, *Q, F1* *Norforlke*] *Norfolke cet.* 597
Huntiſdon] *Huntington cet.* borne,] borne *cet.* 598 home-borne-
home borne *Q* testimony] testimony *Ff* 599 note 'i.' *Time*] *Time*
Q, F1: time F2 600 *Bunduca*] — *Bunduca Q: — BVNDVCA Ff* 602
That,] *That Ff* heroique] *Heroique cet.* 603 womens] *womans cet.*
604 and, in feild . . . them,] and in feild . . . them *cet.* preuayled:] preuail'd,
Ff 606 note '1.' *Xiphilin.*] *Xiphilon. Ff* 607 liberty,] libertie
Q, F1: liberty F2 608 latter] later *cet.* whome,] whom *cet.* her,]
her *cet.* 608 w^h inserted above the line in *MS.* 609 *Britannica*] *Britanica Q, F1* femina] *fæmina Ff* regid] *regia Q: Regia Ff* 610
solum] *solum cet.* magnâ] *magna F1*

bellū omne administravit, cuius animus virilis, potiùs quàm muli(e)bris erat And afterwards, *Femina, formâ honestissimâ, vultu seuero, &c.* All w^{ch} doth waygh the more to her true prayse, in comming from the mouthes of *Romanes*, and *Enemies*. She liu'd in the time of *Nero*.

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The ninth in time, but æquall in fame, and (the cause of it) vertue, was the chast *Zenobia*, *Queene* of the *Palmyrenes*: Who, after the death of her Husband, *Odenatus*, had the name to be reckond among the *xxx.* that vsurp'd the *Romane Empire*, from *Galienus*. She continew'd a long, and 620 braue Warre, agaynst severall *Cheifes*; and was at length triumphed on by *Aurelian*: but *ed specie, vt nihil pompabilius P. Rom. videretur*. Her Chastety was such, *vt ne virū suū quidem sciret, nisi tentatis conceptionibus*. She liu'd in a most royall manner, and was adord to the custome of 625 the *Persians*. When she made Orations, to her Souldiers, she had alwayes her Caske on. A woman of a most diuine spirit, and incredible beauty. In ^{m.} *Trebellius Pollio*, reade ^{m. In Trigin. Tyrann.} the most noble description of a *Queene*, and her; that can be vtter'd, wth the dignity of an *Historian*. 630

The tenth, succeeding, was that learned, and *Heroique Amalasunta*, *Queene* of the *Ostrogothes*, Daughter to *Theodorick*, that obtaynd the principality of *Rauenna*, and almost all *Italy*. She draue the *Burgundians*, and *Almaynes* out of *Liguria*, and appeard in her gouernment rather an 635 *Example*, then a *second*. She was the most eloquent of her Age, and cunning in all languages, of any *Nation*, y^t had commerce wth the *Romane Empire*.^{n.} It is recorded of her,

sine veneratione eam viderit nemo, pro miraculo fuerit ^{n. M. Anton Cocci. Sabell. (out of Cassiod.) Ennead. vij. lib. ij.}
 611 *administravit*,] *administravit*; cet. *animus* F1 originally: *anima* F2 *virilis, potiùs quàm*] *virilis potiùs quam* cet. 612 *muliebris* cet. *Femina, formâ honestissimâ*] *Fæmina, forma honestissima* cet. 619 ninth] ninth, cet. æquall] equal] cet. 617 *Zenobia*,] *ZENOBIA* Ff *Palmyrenes*: Who] *Palmyrenes*, who cet. 618 Husband,] husband cet. 620 continew'd a long,] continued a long cet. 621 *Cheifes*] *Chiefes* cet. 622 but *ed*] but, *ea* cet. 622-3 *pompabilius*] *pompabilis*. cet. 623 Chastety] Chastity Q: chastitie F1: chastity F2 626 Orations,] Orations cet. 637 *Nation*,] *Nation* Q, F2: *nation* F1 638 note 'n.' Cassiod.] *Cassiod* cet.

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640 *ipsam audire loquentem : Tantaque illi in decernendo graui-
tas, ut criminis convicti, cum plecterentur, nihil sibi acerbum
pati viderentur.*

The eleuenth was that braue *Bohemian Queene, Valasca*,
Who, for her courage, had the surname of *Bold*. That, to
645 redeeme her selfe, and her sexe, frō the *tyranny* of Men,
w^{ch} they liu'd in, vnder *Primislaus*, on a night, and at an
hower appoynted, led on the Women to the slaughter of they^r
barbarous *Husbands*, and *Lords* ; And possessing them selues
of they^r Horses, Armes, Treasure, and places of strength,
650 not only ruld the rest, but liu'd, many yeares after, wth the
liberty, and fortitude of *Amazons*. Celebrated (by^o *Raphael*
Volaterranus, and in an elegant tract of an *Italians*,^p in
Latine, who names himselfe *Philalethes, Polytopiensis Ciuis*)
inter præstantissimas feminas.

^o. in *Geograph.*
lib. 7.
^p. *Forcia.*
Quæst.

655 The tweluth, and worthy *Soueraigne* of all I make *Bel-anna*,
Royall Queene of the *Ocean* ; of whose dignity, and person
the whole *scope* of the *Invention* doth speake throughout :
W^{ch}, to offer you agayne here, might but proue offence to
that sacred *Modesty*, w^{ch} heares any testimony of others
660 iterated, wth more delight, then her owne prayse. She
being plac'd aboue the neede of such Ceremony, and safe
in her princely vertue, agaynst the good, or ill, of any Wit-
nesse. The *Name* of *BEL-ANNA* I deuis'd to honor hers
proper, by ; as adding, to it, the attribute of *Fayre* : And
665 is kept by mee, in all my *Poëmes*, wherin I mention her
Maiesty wth, any shadow, or *figure*. Of w^{ch}, some may come
forth wth a longer *desteny*, then this *Age*, commonly, giues

640 *loquentem* :] *loquentem. cet.* 644 Who,] who *cet.* *Bold.*] *bold* :
Q, F1 : *Bold* : F2 644-5 That, . . . selfe,] That . . . selfe *cet.* 647
hower] houre *cet.* 648 *Husbands,*] *husbands* F1 : *Husbands* F2 *Lords,*] *Lords.* Q, F2 : *lords.* F1 650 liu'd,] liued *cet.* 651 (by] by *cet.*
Volaterranus] *VOLATERANUS* F2 651 note 'o.' lib. 7.] lib. 2. Ff 652
Italians,] *Italians* *cet.* 653 who] (who *cet.* 654 *feminas*] *fæminas* Q :
fæminas Ff 655 *Soueraigne*] *Seueraigne* F2 : *Severaign* F3 656
dignity,] dignitie F1 : dignity F2 person] person, Ff 658
W^{ch}] which Q, Ff 663 deuis'd] deuis'd, *cet.* 664 *proper,*] *proper* *cet.*
adding,] adding *cet.* 665 *Poëmes*] *Poemes* *cet.* 667 *desteny*] *destinie* F1 : *Destiny* F2

the best Births, if but helped to light, by her gracious, and ripening fauor.

But, here, I discerne a possible Obiection, arising agaynst mee, to w^{ch} I must turne : As, *How I can bring Persons, of so different Ages, to appeare, properly, together?* Or, *Why (w^{ch} is more vnnaturall) w^{ch} Virgil's Mezentius, I ioyne the liuing, w^{ch} the dead?* I answere to both these, at once, Nothing is more proper ; Nothing more naturall : For these all liue ; and together, in they^r *Fame* ; And so I present them. Besides, if I would fly to the all-daring Power of *Poetry*, Where could I not take Sanctuary? or in whose *Poëme*?

There rests, now, that We giue the description (we promist) of the *Scene*, w^{ch} was the House of *FAME*. The structure and ornament of w^{ch} (as is profest before) was intierly *M^r Iones* his Invention, and Designe. First for the lower Columnes, he chose the *statues* of the most excellent *Poëts*, as *Homer, Virgil, Lucan, &c.* as beeing the substantiall supporters of *Fame*. For the vpper, *Achilles, Æneas, Cæsar*, and those great *Heroës*, w^{ch} those *Poets* had celebrated. All w^{ch} stood, as in massy gold. Betwene the Pillars, vnderneath, were figurd *Land-Battayles, Sea-Fights, Triumphes, Loues, Sacrifices*, and all magnificent Subiects of Honor : In brasse, and heightend, w^{ch} siluer. In w^{ch}, he profest to follow that noble description, made by

668 the] to the *cet.* light,] light *cet.* gracious] gracious *Ff* 671
mee,] me; *cet.* Persons,] Persons *Q*: persons *Ff* 672 *appeare,*
properly,] *appeare properly* *cet.* 674 *liuing,*] *liuing* *cet.* once,]
once. *cet.* 675 *naturall:*] *naturall. cet.* 676 *Fame:*] *Fame:*
Q, F2: fame: F1 679 *Poëme*] *Poëme* *cet.* After '*Poëme*' *Q, Ff*
insert For other obiections, let the lookes and noses of Iudges houer
thick; so they bring the braines: or if they do not, I care not. When
I suffer'd it to goe abroad, I departed with my right: And now, so secure
an Interpreter I am of my chance, that neither praise, nor dispraise
shal affect me. 680 now] only *cet.* 680-1 (we promist)] (we
promis'd *Ff* 681 w^{ch} *inserted above the line in MS.* 682 structure]
Structure, *Q*: structure, *Ff* 683 intierly] entirely *cet.* *M^r*] Master
Ff Invention] inuention *Q, F1* First] First, *cet.* 685 *Poëts*]
Poets *cet.* 687 *Heroës*] *Heroes* *cet.* those] these *cet.* 691
Honor] honour *Ff* heighten'd,] heighten'd *cet.*

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Chaucer, of the like place. Aboue, were plac'd the *Masquers*,
ouer whose heads he deuise'd two eminent Figures of *Honor*,
695 & *Vertue*, for the *Arch*. The *Freezes*, both below, and aboue,
were filld wth seuerall-colour'd Lights, like *Emeralds*, *Rubies*,
Saphires, *Carbuncles*, &c. The reflexe of w^{ch}, wth other
lights plac'd in y^e concaue, vpon the *Masquers* habites, was
full of glory. These habites had in them the excellency of
700 all deuice, and riches; and were worthely varied, by his
Invention, to the *Nations*, whereof they were *Queenes*. Nor
are these alone his due, but diuerse other accessions to the
strangnesse, and beauty of the *Spectacle*, as the *Hell*, the
going about of the *Chariots*, the binding of the *Witches*,
705 the turning *Machine*, wth the præsentation of *FAME*: All
w^{ch} I willingly acknowledge for him; since it is a vertue,
planted in good natures, that what respects they wish to
obtainne fruitfully from others, they will giue ingenuously
themselves.

710 By this time, imagine the *Masquers* descended; and agayne
mounted, into three triumphant *Chariots*, ready to come
forth. The first foure were drawne wth *Eagles*, (wherof I
gaue the reason, as of the rest, in *Fames* speech) they^r 4
Torchbearers attending on the *chariot* sides, and foure of
715 the *Haggess*, bound before them. Then follow'd the second,
drawne by *Griffons*, wth they^r Torch-bearers, and foure
other *Haggess*. Then the last, w^{ch} was drawne by *Lions*, and
more eminent (Wherin her Ma^{tie} was) and had sixe Torch-
bearers more, (peculiar to her) wth the like number of *Haggess*.
720 After w^{ch}, a full triumphant *Musique*, singing this *Song*,
while they rode in state, about the stage.

693 like *om. cet.* Aboue,] Aboue *cet.* plac'd] sited *cet.* 694
eminent inserted above the line in MS. Honor] Honour *Fr* 696
-colour'd] -color'd *Q*: -colour'd *Fr*: -colored *F2* 697 *Saphires*] *Saphyres* *cet.* The] the *cet.* 698 lights] lights, *cet.*
700 varied,] varied *cet.* 701 Invention] inuention *Q*, *Fr* 702
these alone] these, alone, *cet.* due,] due; *cet.* 703 *Spectacle*,]
Spectacle: *cet.* 704 binding of] binding *cet.* 705 præsentation]
presentation *cet.* FAME: all] Fame. All *cet.* 706 him:] him:
cet. 708 fruitfully] fruitfully *cet.* 711 mounted,] mounted *cet.*
713 rest,] rest *Ff* 4 inserted above the line in MS. 714 Torch-
bearers] Torchbearers *Q*: torch-bearers *Ff* 716 by] wth MS. originally
718 eminent] eminent; *cet.* 721 rode] rode, *cet.*

Song.

Helpe, helpe all Tongues, to celebrate this wonder :
 The voyce of FAME should be as loud as Thonder.
 Her House is all of *echo* made, 725
 Where neuer dies the sound ;
 And, as her browes the cloudes invade,
 Her feete do strike the ground.
 Sing then *good Fame*, that's out of *Vertue* borne,
 For, Who doth fame neglect, doth vertue scorne. 730

Here, they alighted from they^r *Chariots*, and daunc'd forth
 they^r first *Daunce* ; then a second, immediately following
 it : both right curious, and full of subtile, and excellent
 Changes, and seem'd performd wth no lesse spirits, then
 those they personated. The first was to the *Cornets*, the 735
 second to the *Violins*. After w^{ch} they tooke out the Men,
 and dauncd the *Measures* ; entertayning the time, almost
 to the space of an hower, wth singular variety. When, to
 giue them rest, from the *Musique* w^{ch} attended the *Chariots*,
 by that most excellent *tenor* voyce, and exact Singer (her 740
 Ma^{ties} seruant, *mr. Io. Allin*) this Ditty was sung.

Song.

When all the *Ages* of the earth
 Were crown'd, but in this *famous birth* ;
 And that, when they would boast they^r store 745
 Of *worthy Queenes*, they knew no more :
 How happier is that *Age*, can giue
 A *Queene*, in whome all they do liue !

After w^{ch}, they daunc'd they^r third *Daunce* ; then w^{ch} a
 more *numerous* composition could not be seene : *graphically* 750

724 Thonder] thunder Ff 727 invade,] inuade Q, Fr 729
 borne,] borne : cet. 730 Who] who cet. 731 Here, they alighted]
 Here they lighted cet. 733 subtile,] subtile cet. 734 performd,]
 perform'd cet. 735 those] of those cet. 736 *Violins*] *Vyolines*
 cet. w^{ch}] which, cet. 738 hower] houre cet. variety. When]
 variety : when cet. (varietie Fr) 741 sung] song Q 749 After
 w^{ch}, they daunc'd] After it, succeeded cet w^{ch}] which, cet.

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dispos'd into *letters*, and honoring the Name of the most
 sweete, and ingenious *Prince, Charles, Duke of Yorke* Wherin,
 beside that principall grace of perspicuity, the motions were
 so euen, & apt, and they^r expression so iust; as if *Mathe-*
 755 *maticians* had lost *proportion*, they might there haue found
 it. The *Author* was *M^r. Tho. Giles*. After this, they
 daunc'd *Galliards*, and *Corranto's*. And then they^r last
Daunce, no lesse elegant (in the place) then the rest. wth
 w^{ch} they tooke they^r *chariots* agayne, and triumphing about
 760 the stage, had they^r returne to the *House of Fame* celebrated
 wth this last *song*, whose *Notes* (as to the former) were the
 worke, & Honor of my excellent Freind, *Alfonso Ferrabosco*.

Song.

Who, *Virtue*, can thy power forget,
 765 That sees these liue, and triumph yet ?
 Th' *Assyrian* pompe, the *Persian* pride,
Greekes glory, and the *Romanes* dy'de :
 And who yet imitate
 They^r noyses, tary the same fate.
 770 Force Greatnesse, all the glorious wayes
 You can, it soone decays ;
 But so *good Fame* shall, neuer :
 Her triumphs, as they^r Causes, are for euer.

To conclude w^{ch}, I know no worthyer way of *Epilogue*, then
 775 the celebration of Who were the *Celebraters*.

The Queenes Ma^{tie}.

Co. of *Arundell*.

Co. of *Derbye*.

Co. of *Huntingdon*.

780 Co. of *Bedford*.

751 honoring] honouring Q, Fr 752 sweete,] sweete Q : sweet Ff
 Yorke] Yorke. Q, Ff 754 euen,] euen cet. 758 rest.] rest, Ff 759
 had deleted before about in the MS. 761 song.] Song ; cet. to om. cet.
 762 Honor] honour Fr Freind] friend cet. 764 Virtue] Vertue Ff
 770 Greatnesse,] Greatnesse Q : greatnesse Ff 772 shall,] shall cet.
 777-82 Co.] The Co. cet. 779 Huntingdon] HUNTINGTON cet.

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Co. of *Essex*.

Cou: of *Montgomery*.

La. *Cranborne*.

La. El. *Guilford*.

La. *Anne Winter*.

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La. *Windsore*.

La. *Anne Clifford*.

The end.

782 Cou: of Montgomery *added in the margin in MS.* 783 La :]
 The Vico. Q: The Vicou. F1: The Vicou. of F2 784-7 La.] The
 La. cet. 787 Anne] ANNE cet. 788 The end. om. Ff

APPENDIX XIV

THE ARGUMENT OF THE MASQUE

From British Museum Harley MS. 6947, folio 143.

It was the custom to submit to the Court before any performance a summary description, partly no doubt to suit the convenience of officials who had to prepare for it, partly, if it was a play, to enable the authorities to see if there was anything dangerous in the subject-matter. 'Have you heard the argument?' says the King to Hamlet. 'Is there no offence in it?'¹

This particular argument was copied out by an illiterate clerk who writes 'Hil' for 'Hell', calls Zenobia 'Tenobia', Candace 'Cnidace', Bonduca 'Bundrica', and Amalasunta 'Amalasanta', makes Camilla queen of the 'Voscians', and occasionally misspells. It was made before the masque took its final form, for Atalanta appears in the list of queens. Inigo Jones made a design for her dress, but in the actual performance Hypsicratea was substituted for her.

When the kinge is set and the full expectation of the spectacle raised there shalbe hearde a strange murmur with a kind of hollowe and infernall musike when sodainely an orcus or poetickall Hil is discouered and from the sides of it comminge forth a maske of hags or Sorceresses seuerally attired, with thire spindles reeles and other magicall instruments makinge a confused noise with strange gestures. Thire names are *Ignorance, Falshoode, suspicion, Credulity, Murmur, Impudencie, Malice, slaunder, Execration, Bitternes*, and *Fury* the opposites of glory To these comes Ate the goddess of mischief and makinge vp the 12. bids them and encourageth them to goe forward to disturbe the peace of the night and place, as they doe to all goodnes, wherevpon fallinge a fresh to thire daunces and incantation: on the instant a loude triumphant musicke sounds at which as at a blast they all vanish, and the place is changed into a bewetifull and magnificent buildinge to shewe that the sounde of a virtuous fame is able to scatter and affright all that threaten yt. out of this place comes forth a person signifiinge *Heroicke Virtue*, the father of goode fame. He tels that this was the pallace of his daughter, where there

¹ *Hamlet*, III. ii. 227-8.

were a selecte number of Queenes who for thire virtues while they were on earth haue had the honour since to liue celebrated in the <pallace> of Fame foreuer. These hearinge of the graces of *Bellanna* queene of the ocean, and knowinge that she alone possesst all these virtues which were in them deuided and that yet the best and most soueraigne place of that pallace was uoyde they were desirous to gratifie her with that honour in her life time which noe othere might hope to enioie after death. which she vouchsafeinge at whic(h) time he shewes the queene and the ladies sittinge in a *Portico*, they were not only kepte from obliuion but once againe made visible to the light. And to such a light as from whome euer she her selfe out of her trewest virtue acknowledged to receiue all her lustre. At this the musickes sounds while they are descendinge, and the gates openinge belowe the first 4 are discouered in a chariotte which comes forth drawne with Panthers, the 2 follo<wo>res drawne by Eagles and so the 3¹ whi<c>h is the last and most eminent with the statue of fame on the top of yt for her *Maiestie* drawne by Lions in which they ride about the stage as in a solemne triumph ouer those vices which were flede before them, and so turninge all thre in face to the kinge, her maiesties chariot beinge in the midle they come forth and daunce in thire different habits accordinge to the different nations where they are.

These be the names of the
twelue Queenes.

Bellanna quene of of the ocean
Penthesilea queene of the Amazons
Thomiris queene of the Scythians
Camilla queene of the Voscians
Tenobia queene of the Palmarians
Artemisia queene of the Carians
Berenice queene of the Ægiptians
Bundrica queene of the Icenians
Valasca queene of the Bohemians
Cnidace queene of y^e Æthiopians
Atalanta queene of the Ætoleans
Amalasanta queene of the Gothes

¹ ' by Lions . . . in which they ride aboute ' struck out in the MS.

**THE SPEECHES AT PRINCE
HENRY'S BARRIERS**

THE TEXT

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The Lady of the Lake, first *discovered*.

A Silence, calme as are my waters, meet
 Your raysd attentions, whilst my siluer fee<t>
 Touch on the richer shore ; and to this seat
 Vow my new duties and mine old repeat.
 Lest any yet should doubt, or might mistake 5
 What *Nymph* I am ; behold the ample lake
 Of which I am stild ; and neere it M E R L I N S tombe,
 Graue of his cunning, as of mine the wombe.
 By this it will not aske me to proclaime
 More of my selfe, whose actions, and whose name 10
 Were so full fam'd in *Brit[t]ish* A R T H V R S court ;
 No more then it will fit me to report
 What hath before bene trusted to our squire
 Of me, my knight, his fate, and my desire
 To meet, if not preuent his destiny, 15
 And stile him to the court of *Britany* ;
 Now when the Iland hath regain'd her fame
 Intire, and perfect, in the ancient name,
 And that a *monarch* æquall good and great,
 Wise, temperate, iust, and stout, *claimes* A R T H V R S seat. 20
 Did I say æquall ? O too prodigall wrong
 Of my o're-thirsty, and vnæquall tongue !
 How brighter farre, then when our A R T H V R liu'd
 Are all the glories of this place reuiu'd !

2 feet F2 : the t failed to print in F1 7 tombe,] tombe Ff
 11 fam'd Editor : fam'd Ff 13-16 inset in Ff 15 destiny,
 F2 : destiny F1 19, 21 æquall] equall Re, F2 20 stout,]
 stout Ff 22 o're-] or'e- Ff vnæquall] vnequall Re, F2

- 25 What riches doe I see ; what beauties here !
 What awe ! what loue ! what reuerence ! ioy ! and feare !
 What ornaments of counsaile as of court !
 All that is high and great, or can comport
 Vnto the stile of maiesty, that knowes
- 30 No riual, but it selfe, this place here showes.
 Onely the house of *Chiualrie* (how ere
 The inner parts and store be full, yet here
 In that which gentry should sustaine) decayd
 Or rather ruin'd seemes ; her buildings layd
- 35 Flat with the earth ; that were the pride of time
 And did the barbarous *Memphian* heapes out-clime.
 Those *Obelisks* and *Columnes* broke, and downe,
 That strooke the starres, and raisd the *Brit[t]ish* crowne
 To be a constellation : Shields and swords,
- 40 Cob-webd, and rusty ; not a helme affords
 A sparke of lustre, which were wont to giue
 Light to the world, and made the nation liue,
 When in a day of honour fire was smit
 To haue put out V V L C A N' s and haue lasted yet.
- 45 O, when this *Ædifice* stood great and high,
 That in the carcasse hath such maiesty,
 Whose very sceleton boasts so much worth,
 What grace, what glories did it then send forth ?
 When to the structure went more noble names
- 50 Then the *Ephesian* temple lost in flames :
 When euery stone was laid by vertuous hands ;
 And standing so, (O that it yet not stands !)
 More truth of *architecture* there was blaz'd,
 Then liu'd in all the ignorant *Gothes* haue raz'd.
- 55 There *Porticos* were built, and seats for knights
 That watchd for all *aduentures*, dayes and nights,
 The *Nieces* filld with statues, to inuite
 Young valures forth, by their old formes to fight.

33 decayd] decayed Ff 36 -clime. F2: -clime Fr 37 *Obelisks*
Obilisks Ff 45 high, Re, F2: high Fr 52 stands! F2: stands.
Fr 56 nights, Re: nights Ff 57 *Nieces*] niches W

With arkes triumphall for their actions done,
Out-striding the *Col[us]ossus* of the sunne. 60
And *Trophæes*, reard, of spoyled enemies,
Whose toppes pierc'd through the cloudes, and hit the skies

A R T H V R.

And thither hath thy voyce pierc'd. Stand not maz'd,
Thy eyes haue here on greater glories gaz'd Discouerd as
And not beene frightened. I, thy A R T H V R, am a starre aboue.
Translated to a starre ; and of that frame
Or constellation that was calld of mee
So long before, as showing what I should bee,
A R C T V R V S, once thy king, and now thy starre. 70
Such the rewards of all good princes are.
Nor let it trouble thy designe, faire dame,
That I am present to it with my flame
And influence ; since the times are now deuolu'd
That M E R L I N' S misticke prophesies are absolu'd, 75
In *Brit[t]ain's* name, the vnion of this Ile ;
And clayme both of my scepter and my stile.

Faire fall his vertue, that doth fill that throne
In which I ioy to find my selfe so'out-shone ;
And for the greater, wish, men should him take, 80
As it is nobler to restore then make.

Proceed in thy great worke ; bring forth thy knight
Preserued for his times, that by the might
And magicke of his arme, he may restore
These ruin'd seates of vertue, and build more. 85
Let him be famous, as was T R I S T R A M, T O R,
L A V N C' L O T, and all our List of knight-hood : or
Who were before, or haue beene since. His name
Strike vpon heauen, and there sticke his fame.
Beyond the paths, and searches of the sunne 90
Let him tempt fate ; and when a world is wunne,

64 Side-note aboue.] aboue Fr 66 I, ... ARTHVR,] I ... ARTHVR F^f
68 of Fr: for Re, F2 69 what] What F2 bee,] bee. Ff 73
my] thy Re, F2 79 ioy] ioy, Ff 80 take, F2: take Fr 86
Tor,] Tor. Ff 87 List] list Re

Submit it duely to this state, and throne,
Till time, and vtmost stay make that his owne.

- But first receiue this shield ; wherein is wrought
95 The truth that he must follow ; and (being taught
The wayes from heauen) ought not be despisd.
It is a piece, was by the fates deuisd
To arme his maiden valure ; and to show
Defensiue armes th'offensiue should fore-goe.
100 Indowe him with it, L A D Y of the lake.
And for the other mysteries, here, awake
The learned M E R L I N ; when thou shutst him there,
Thou buriedst valure too, for letters reare
The deeds of honor high, and make them liue.
105 If then thou seeke to restore *provesse*, giue
His spirit freedome ; then present thy knight :
For armes and arts sustaine each others right.

L A D Y.

- 110 **M**Y error I acknowledge, though too late
To expiate it ; There's no resisting fate.
Arise, great *soule* ; Fame by surreption got
May stead vs for the time, but lasteth not.
O, doe not rise with storme, and rage. Forgiue
Repented wrongs. I'am cause thou now shalt liue
115 Æternally, for being deprest a while,
Want makes vs know the price of what we auile.

M E R L I N.

Arising out of
the tombe.

- I** Neither storme, nor rage ; 'tis earth ; blame her
That feelles these motions when great spirits stirre.
120 She is affrighted, and now chid by heauen,
Whilst we walke calmely on, vpright and euen.
Call forth the faire M E L I A D V S, thy knight,
They are his fates that make the elements fight :
92 throne, *Re*: throne *F1*: Throne, *F2* 96 not be] not to be *Re*
100 it,] it *Ff* 111 Arisc,] Arise *Ff* 113 After 'rage.' [*Thun-*
der, lightning, &c.] *G* 115 Æternally] Eternally *Re* 118 *St.*
dir. in F2 beside Merlin's speech in l. 133 'tis *F2*: tis *F1* 122
knight,] knight *F1*: Knight, *F2*

And these but vsuall throwes, when time sends forth
A wonder or a spectacle of worth. 125
At common birthes the world feeles nothing new ;
At these she shakes ; Mankind liues in a few.

L A D Y.

T^He heauens, the fates, and thy peculiar starres,
M E L I A D V S, shew thee ; and conclude all iarres. 130
M E L I A D V S, and his sixe assistants here discovered.

M E R L I N.

I, Now the spheares are in their tunes againe.
What place is this so bright that doth remaine
Yet vndemolishd ? or but late built ! O 135
I read it now. S^t. G E O R G E' s *Portico* !
The supreme head of all the world, where now
Knighthood liues honord with a crowned brow.
A noble *Scene*, and fit to shew him in
That must of all worlds fame the ghirland winne. 140

L A D Y.

D^O's he not sit like M A R S, or one that had
The better of him, in his armor clad ?
And those his sixe assistants, as the pride
Of the old *Græcian Heroes* had not died ? 145
Or like A P O L L O, raisd to the worlds view,
The minute after he the *Python* slew.

M E R L I N.

'T^Is all too little, L A D Y, you can speake.
My thought growes great of him, and faine would breake. 150
Inuite him forth, and guide him to his tent,
That I may read this shield his fates present.

130 MELIADVS,] MELIADVS Ff
Græcian HEROES F1 (cf. l. 218)

145 Græcian Heroes Re, F2 :
149 'Tis] Tis Ff

L A D Y

GLory of knights, and hope of all the earth,
 155 Come forth ; your fostresse bids ; who from your birth
 Hath bred you to this hower, and for this throne.
 This is the field to make your vertue knowne.

If he were now (he sayes) to vow his fires
 Of faith, of loue, of seruice, then his squires
 160 Had vttered nothing for him : But he hopes
 In the first tender of himselfe, his scopes
 Were so well read, as it were no decor'me,
 Where truth is studied, there to practise forme.

M E R L I N.

NO, let his actions speake him ; and this shield
 Let downe from heauen, that to his youth will yeeld
 Such copy of incitement : Not the deedes
 Of antique knights, to catch their fellowes steedes,
 Or ladies palfreyes rescue from the force
 170 Of a fell gyant, or some score to vn-horse.
 These were bold stories of our A R T H V R S age ;
 But here are other acts ; another *stage*
 And *scene* appeares ; it is not since as then :
 No gyants, dwarfes, or monsters here, but men.
 175 His arts must be to gouerne, and giue lawes
 To peace no lesse then armes. His fate here drawes
 An empire with it, and describes each state
 Preceding there, that he should imitate.

First, faire M E L I A D V S, hath shee wrought an Ile,
 180 The happiest of the earth (which to your stile
 In time must adde) and in it placed high
Britayne, the only name, made C A E S A R flie.
 Within the neerer parts, as apt, and due
 To your first speculation, you may view
 185 The eye of *iustice* shooting through the land,
 Like a bright *planet* strenghtned by the hand

162 decor'me,] decor'me Ff 167 incitement] inticement R^e
 168 steedes,] steedes Ff 169 palfreyes] palfreyes, Ff

Of first, and warlike E D W A R D ; then th'increase
 Of trades and tillage, vnder lawes and peace,
 Begun by him, but settled and promou'd
 By the third *Heroe* of his name, who lou'd 190
 To set his owne aworke, and not to see
 The fatnesse of his land a portion bee
 For strangers. This was he erected first
 The trade of clothing, by which arte were nurst
 Whole millions to his seruice, and releeu'd 195
 So many poore, as since they haue beleeu'd
 The golden fleece, and need no forrayne mine,
 If industrie at home doe not decline.

To proue which true, obserue what treasure here
 The wise and seuenth H E N R Y heapt each yeere, 200
 To be the strength and sinewes of a warre,
 When M A R S should thunder, or his peace but iarre.
 And here how the eighth H E N R Y, his braue sonne,
 Built forts, made generall musters, trayn'd youth on
 In exercise of armes, and girt his coast 205
 With strength ; to which (whose fame no tongue can boast
 Vp to her worth, though all best tongues be glad
 To name her still) did great E L I Z A adde
 A wall of shipping, and became thereby
 The ayde, or feare of all the nations nigh. 210
 These, worthyest Prince, are set you neere to reade,
 That ciuill arts the martiall must precede.
 That lawes and trade bring honors in and gayne,
 And armes defensiuie a safe peace maintayne.
 But when your fate shall call you forth to'assure 215
 Your vertue more (though not to make secure)
 View here, what great examples shee hath plac'd.

First, two braue *Britayne Heroes*, that were grac'd
 To fight their *Sauours* battailes, and did bring
 Destruction on the faithlesse ; one a king, 220
 R I C H A R D, surnamed with the *lyons hart*.

- The other, E D W A R D, and the first, whose part
 (Then being but Prince) it was to lead these warres
 In the age after, but with better starres.
- 225 For here though *Cœur de lion* like a storme
 Powre on the *Saracens*, and doth performe
 Deedes past an angell, arm'd with wroth and fire,
 Ploughing whole armies vp, with zealous ire,
 And walled cities, while he doth defend
- 230 That cause that should all warres begin and end ;
 Yet when with pride, and for humane respect
 The *Austrian* cullors he doth here deiect
 With too much scorne, behold at length how fate
 Makes him a wretched prisoner to that state ;
- 235 And leaues him, as a marke of Fortunes spight,
 When Princes tempt their starres beyond their light :
 Whilst vpright E D W A R D shines no lesse then he,
 Vnder the wings of golden victorie,
 Nor lets out no lesse riuers of the bloud
- 240 Of *Infidels*, but makes the field a floud,
 And marches through it, with S. G E O R G E S crosse,
 Like *Israels* host to the *Aegyptians* losse,
 Through the *red sea* : the earth beneath him cold
 And quaking such an enemie to behold.
- 245 For which, his temper'd zeale, see Prouidence
 Flying in here, and armes him with defence
 Against th'assassinate made vpon his life
 By a foule wretch, from whom he wrests the knife,
 And giues him a iust hire : which yet remaynes
- 250 A warning to great chiefes, to keepe their traynes
 About 'hem still, and not, to priuacie,
 Admit a hand that may vse treacherie.
- Neerer then these, not for the same high cause,
 Yet for the next (what was his right by lawes
 255 Of nations due) doth fight that M A R S of men,
 The black Prince E D W A R D, 'gainst the *French*, who then

At *Cressey* field had no more yeeres then you.
 Here his glad father has him in the view
 As he is entring in the schoole of warre,
 And powres all blessings on him from a farre, 260
 That wishes can ; whilst he (that close of day)
 Like a yong lyon, newly taught to prey,
 Inuades the herds, so fled the *french*, and teares
 From the *Bohemian* crowne the plume he weares,
 Which after for his crest he did preserue 265
 To his fathers vse, with this fit word, *I S E R V E*.
 But here at *Poictiers* he was *M A R S* indeed.
 Neuer did valour with more streame succeed
 Then he had there. He flow'd out like a sea
 Vpon their troupes, and left their armes no way : 270
 Or like a fire carryed with high windes,
 Now broad, and spreading, by and by it findes
 A vent vpriight, to looke which way to burne.
 Then shootes along againe, or round doth turne,
 Till in the circling spoile it hath embrac'd 275
 All that stood nigh, or in the reach to wast :
 Such was his rage that day ; but then forgot
 Soone as his sword was sheath'd, it lasted not,
 After the King, the *Dauphine*, and *french* Peeres
 By yeelding to him, wisely quit their feares, 280
 Whom he did vse with such humanitie,
 As they complayn'd not of captiuitie ;
 But here to *England* without shame came in.
 To be his captiues was the next to win.
 Yet rests the other thunder-bolt of warre, 285
H A R R Y the fift, to whom in face you are
 So like, as *Fate* would haue you so in worth,
 Illustrious Prince. This vertue ne're came forth,
 But *Fame* flue greater for him, then shee did
 For other mortalls ; *Fate* her selfe did bid 290
 To saue his life : The time it reach'd vnto,

257 you.] you, *Fr* : you ; *F2* 260 a farre, *Re* : a farre *Fr* :
 afar *F2* 271 windes,] windes *Fr* : winds *F2*

- Warre knew not how to giue'him enough to doe.
 His very name made head against his foes.
 And here at *Agin-Court* where first it rose,
 295 It there hangs still a comet ouer *France*,
 Striking their malice blind, that dare aduance
 A thought against it, lightned by your flame
 That shall succeed him both in deedes and name.
 I could report more actions yet of weight
 300 Out of this orbe, as here of *eightie eight*,
 Against the proud *Armada*, stil'd by *Spaine*
The Inuincible ; that couer'd all the mayne,
 As if whole Ilands had broke loose, and swame ;
 Or halfe of *Norway* with her firre-trees came,
 305 To ioyn the continents, it was so great ;
 Yet by the auspice of E L I Z A beat :
 That deare-belou'd of heauen, whom to preserue
 The windes were call'd to fight, and stormes to serue.
 One tumor drown'd another, billowes stroue
 310 To out-swell ambition, water ayre out-droue,
 Though shee not wanted on that glorious day,
 An euer-honor'd H O W A R D to display
 S. G E O R G E S ensigne ; and of that high race
 A second, both which ply'd the fight and chase :
 315 And sent first bullets, then a fleet of fire,
 Then shot themselues like ordinance ; and a tire
 Of ships for pieces, through the enemies moone,
 That wan'd before it grew, and now they soone
 Are rent, spoild, scatterd, tost with all disease,
 320 And for their thirst of *Britayne* drinke the seas.
 The fish were neuer better fed than then,
 Although at first they fear'd the bloud of men
 Had chang'd their element ; and N E P T V N E shooke
 As if the Thunderer had his palace tooke.
 325 So here in *Wales*, *Low Countries*, *France*, and *Spayne*,

307 deare-belou'd] deare belou'd Fr
 honor'd Fr 316 ordinance] ord'nance Re 312 euer-honor'd] euer
 Re : thunderer Ff 324 Thunderer

You may behold both on the land and mayne
 The conquests got, the spoiles, the *trophæes* reard
 By *British* kings, and such as noblest heard
 Of all the nation, which may make t(o)'inuite
 Your valure vpon need, but not t(o)'incite 330
 Your neighbour Princes, giue them all their due,
 And be prepar'd if they will trouble you.
 He doth but scourge him selfe, his sword that drawes
 Without a purse, a counsaile and a cause.

But all these spurres to vertue, seedes of praise 335
 Must yeeld to this that comes. Here's one will raise
 Your glorie more, and so aboute the rest,
 As if the acts of all mankind were prest
 In his example. Here are kingdomes mixt
 And nations ioyn'd, a strength of empire fixt 340
 Conterminate with heauen ; The golden veine
 Of S A T V R N E S age is here broke out againe.

H E N R Y but ioyn'd the *Roses*, that ensign'd
 Particular families, but this hath ioyn'd
 The *Rose* and *Thistle*, and in them combin'd 345
 A vnion, that shall neuer be declin'd.

Ireland that more in title, then in fact
 Before was conquer'd, is his *Lawrels* act.
 The wall of shipping by E L I Z A made,
 Decay'd (as all things subiect are to fade) 350
 He hath new built, or so restor'd, that men
 For noble vse, preferre it afore then :

Royall, and *mightie* I A M E S, whose name shall set
 A goale for all posteritie to sweat,
 In running at, by actions hard and high : 355
 This is the height at which your thoughts must fly.
 He knowes both how to gouerne, how to saue,
 What subiects, what their *contraries* should haue,
 What can be done by power, and what by loue,

327 conquests] conquest *Re* 328 noblest *F2* : no blest *Fr*
 343 *Roses Re*, *F2* : *roses Fr* 348 conquer'd, *F2* : conquer'd *Fr*
 355 at.] at *Fr* 357 saue,] saue *Fr* : save ; *F2*

- 360 What should to *Mercie*, what to *Iustice* moue :
 All *Arts* he can, and from the hand of *Fate*
 Hath he enforc'd the making his owne date.
 Within his proper vertue hath he plac'd
 His guards 'gainst *Fortune*, and there fixed fast
 365 The wheele of *chance*, about which Kings are hurl'd,
 And whose outrageous raptures fill the world.

L A D Y.

- I, This is hee, M E L I A D V S, whom you
 Must only serue, and giue your selfe vnto :
 370 And by your diligent practice to obay
 So wise a Master learne the arte of sway.
 M E R L I N, aduance the shield vpon his tent.
 And now prepare, faire Knight, to proue th'euent
 Of your bold *Challenge*. Bec your vertue steeld,
 375 And let your drumme giue note you keepe the field.
 Is this the land of *Britaine* so renownd
 For deeds of *Armes*, or are their hearings drown'd
 That none doe answere ?

M E R L I N.

- 380 Stay, me thinkes I see
 A person in yond' *caue*. Who should that bee ?
 I know her ensignes now : 'Tis *Cheualrie*
 Possess'd with sleepe, dead as a *lethargie* :
 If any *charme* will wake her, 'tis the name
 385 Of our M E L I A D V S. I'll vse his *Fame*.
 Lady, M E L I A D V S, lord of the Iles,
 Princely M E L I A D V S, and whom *Fate* now stiles
 The faire M E L I A D V S, hath hung his shield
 Vpon his tent, and here doth keepe the field,
 390 According to his bold and princely word ;
 And wants employment for his pike, and sword.

362 date. *F2* : date *F1* 372 tent.] tent *Ff* 373 prepare,
 ... Knight,] prepare ... Knight *F1* : prepare ... Knight, *F2* 375
Drum beats. add G

CHEVALRY.

W^Ere it from death that name would wake mee. Say
 Which is the Knight? O I could gaze a day
 Vpon his armour that hath so reuiu'd 395
 My spirits, and tels me that I am long liu'd
 In his apparance. Breake, you rustie dores,
 That haue so long beene shut, and from the shores
 Of all the world, come knight-hood like a flood
 Vpon these lists, to make the field, here, good, 400
 And your owne honours, that are now call'd forth
 Against the wish of men to proue your worth.

THE BARRIERS.

After which M E R L I N speaks.

N^Ay, stay your valure, 'tis a wisdome high 405
 In Princes to vse fortune reuerently.
 He that in deeds of *Armes* obeyes his blood
 Doth often tempt his destinie beyond good.
 Looke on this throne, and in his temper view
 The light of all that must haue grace in you : 410
 His equall *Iustice*, vpright *Fortitude*
 And settled *Prudence*, with that *Peace* indued
 Of face, as minde, alwayes himselfe and euen.
 So H E R C V L E S, and good men beare vp *heauen*.
 I dare not speake his vertues for the feare 415
 Of flattring him, they come so high and neare
 To wonders : yet thus much I prophesy
 Of him and his. All eares your selues apply.
 You, and your other you, great King and Queene,
 Haue yet the least of your bright *Fortune* seene, 420
 Which shal rise brighter euery houre with *Time*,
 And in your pleasure quite forget the crime

392 CHEVALRY] CHIVALRY, coming forward G 396 spirits, F2 :
 spirits Fr 397 Breake, . . . dores,] Breake . . . dores Ff 403
 BARRIERS] BARRIORS Ff 404 speaks] speaks to the Prince G

Of change ; your ages night shall be her noone.
 And this yong Knight, that now puts forth so soone
 425 Into the world, shall in your names atchieue
 More *ghyrlands* for this state, and shall relieue
 Your cares in gouernment ; while that yong lord
 Shall second him in *Armes*, and shake a sword
 And launce against the foes of God and you.
 430 Nor shall lesse ioy your royall hopes pursue
 In that most princely *Mayd*, whose forme might call
 The world to warre, and make it hazard all
 His valure for her beautie, she shall bee
 Mother of *nations*, and her Princes see
 435 Riuals almost to these. Whilst you sit high,
 And lead by them, behold your *Britaine* fly
 Beyond the line, when what the seas before
 Did bound, shall to the sky then stretch his shore.

424 And] And if *F2*
 high, *F2* : high *F1*

431 *Mayd*,] *Mayd F1* : *Maid*, *F2*
 436 them, *F2* : them *F1*

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OBERON, THE FAIRY PRINCE

THE TEXT

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See you nor, who riseth here?
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I'le prone, if this can reach your eare.

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O, you wake then: Come away,
Times be short, are made for play;
The hum'rous Moone too will not stay:
What doth make you thus delay?
Hath his tankard touch'd your braine?
Sure, they'ar false asleepe againe
Or I doubt it was the vaine
Echo, did mee entertaine.

^d *Silvius* is every where made
a lover of wine, as in *Cyclope*
Warre and known by that no-
table er:signe, his tankard
out of the same place of *Virg.*
Es graui attrita pendebat can-
tharus amia. As also out of
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Idle Nymph, I pray thee, bee
Modest, and not follow me:
^e I nor loue my selfe, nor thee.

{ He wound the second }
{ time, and found it. }

^e Respecting that knowne fa-
ble of *Echo's* following *Narcis-*
sus, and his selfe-Loue.

*Here he wound the third time, and was answer'd by another Satyre, who
likewise shew'd himselfe. To which he spoke*
I, this found I better know.

Lift 'I would I could heare mo

*At this they came running forth severally, from diuers parts of the Rocke,
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*He wound his Cornet, and thought himselfe answer'd;
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Times be short, are made for play;
The hum'rous Moone too will not stay:
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^d Hath his tankard touch'd your braine?
Sure, they'ar false asleepe againe:

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d *Silenus* is euery where made a louer of wine, as in *Cyclope.*

6 SATYRE] SATYRE. Ff 7 note 'ab' in *Cæsarib.*] in *Cæsarib.*
F2 9 note 'c.' in *Virgil*] in *Virgil* Ff *Inflatum* F2: *In flatum* F1
semper, F2: semper F1 17 note 'd.' in *Cyclope*] in *Cyclope* Ff

Eurip. and known by that notable en-
signe, his tan-
kard : out of the same place of *Virg. Et grauis attrita pendebat cantharus ansa*. As also out of that famous piece of sculpture, in a little gem or piece of *Iasper*, obseru'd by *Monsieur Caussabon*, in his tract *de Satyricâ poësi*, from *Rascastus Bagarrus* : wherein is described the whole manner of the *Scene*, and *Chori*, of *Bacchus*, with *Silenus*, and the *Satyres*. An elegant and curious antiquitie, both for the subtiltie and labour : where, in so small a compasse, (to vse his words) there is *Rerum, Personarum, Actionum plane stupenda varietas*.

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Satyre, who likewise shewed himselfe. To which he spoke.

I, this sound I better know :
List ! I would I could heare mo.

At this they came running forth seuerally, from diuers
30 parts of the *Rocke*, leaping, and making antique action, and
gestures, to the number of tenne ; some of them speaking, some
admiring : And amongst them a *SILENE*, who is euer the
Præfect of the *SATYRES*, and so presented in all their
Chori, and meetings.

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SATYRE 2.

Thanke vs, and you shall doe so.

SATYRE 3.

I, our number soone will grow.

SATYRE 2.

a In the pomps of *Dionysus*, 40
or *Bacchus*, to

See * *SILENVS* !

euery Companie of *Satyres*, there was stil giuen a *Silene*, for their our-seer, or *gouverneur*. And in that which is describ'd by *Athenæus*, in his fifth Booke, *Bini Sileni non semel commemorantur, qui totidem plurium Satyrorum gregibus præsunt. Erant enim eorum Epistata, Præsules, & Coryphæi, propter grandem ætatem. He was also purpureo pallio vestitus, cum albis soleis, & petasatus, aureum caduceum paruum ferens. Vid. Athenæ. Deipnos. lib. 5. de pompâ Ptolomææd.*

17 note 'd' (cont). and curious *Re*, F2 : an curious F1 24 I nor] I
not 1716, W 30 action] actions F2 35 SATYRE] SATYRE. F1
(so after 37, 39, 41, 56) 40 note 'a.' *Dionysus*] *Dyonysius* Ff fifth] fifth
F2 *Deipnos.*] *Deipnos* F1 : *Dipnos* F2 lib. 5.] lib. 6. F2 præsumt
Editor : præsumt Ff petasatus, F2 : petasatus F1 *Ptolomææd*] *Ptolomææd*
F1 : *Ptolomææd* F2

SATYRE 3.

CERCOPS, too!

SATYRE 4.

Yes. What is there now to doe?

SATYRE 5.

Are there any *Nymphes* to woo?

SATYRE 4.

^b If there bee, let mee haue two.

SILENVS.

^c Chaster language. These are nights
Solemne, to the shining rites
Of the *Fayrie* Prince, and Knights:
While the Moone their *Orgies* lights.

SATYRE 2.

Will they come abroad, anon?

SATYRE 3.

Shall wee see yong OBERON?

SATYRE 4.

Is hee such a princely one,
As you speake him long agone?

SILENVS.

Satyres, he doth fill with grace,
Euery season, eu'ry place;
Beautie dwels, but in his face:
^d H(e)'s the height of all our race.

Silenus, was nothing of this petulance, and lightnesse; but on the contrarie, all grauitie, and profound knowledge, of most secret mysteries. Insomuch as the most learned of Poets, *Virgil*, when he would write a Poeme of the beginnings, and hidden nature of things, with other great Antiquities, attributed the parts of disputing them, to *Silenus*, rather than any other. Which whosoever thinkes to bee easily, or by chance, done by the most prudent writer, will easily betray his owne ignorance, or folly. To this see the testimonies of *Plato*, *Synesius*, *Herodotus*, *Strabo*, *Philostratus*, *Tertullian*, &c. d Among the ancients, the kind, both of the *Centaures*, and *Satyres*, is confounded; and common with eyther. As sometimes the *Satyres* are said to come of the *Centaures*, and againe the *Centaures* of them. Eyther of them are *διφύεις*, but after a diuers manner. And *Galen* obserues out of *Hippocral*. *Comment.* 3. in 6. *Epidemi(c)* or: that both the *Athenians* and *Ionians*, call'd the *Satyres* *φῆπας*, or *φῆπας*; which name the *Centaures* haue with *Homer*: from whence, it were no vnlkely coniecture, to thinke our word *Faeries* to come. *Viderint Critici*.

48 note 'b.' *φιλοκερτόμους* F2: *φιλοκερτόμους* F1 *οικυνιστά]* *οικυνιστά* Ff *ἀπὸ* ἀπὸ F1: ἀπὸ F2 65 note 'd.' *διφύεις* Editor: *διφύες* F1: *διφύες* F2

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b The nature of the *Satyres* the wise *Horace* express'd wel, in the word, when hee called them *Risores* & *Dicaces*, as the Greeke Poets, *Nonnus*, &c. stile them *φιλοκερτόμους*.
55 *Nec solūm dicaces, sed & prouini venerem, & saltatores assidui & credebantur, & fingeantur.*
Vnde Satyrica saltatio, quæ oikynis dicebatur, & à quâ Satyri ipsi οικυνιστά. Vel à Sicino inuentore; vel ἀπὸ τῆς κινήσεως, id est, à motu saltationis Satyrorū, qui est concilissimus.
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65 c But in the

a *Mercurie*, who for the loue of *Penelope*, while she was keeping her father *Icarius* hears on the mountain *Taygetan*, turn'd himselfe into a faire Buck-Goat ; with whose sports and flatteries,

the nymph being taken, he begat, on her, *Pan* : who was borne, *capite cornuto, barbâque, ac pedibus hircinis*. As *Homer* hath it, in *Hymnis* : and *Lucian*. in *dialogo Panis & Mercurii*. He was call'd the *Guer of Grace*, *χαριδότης, φαιδρός, καὶ λευκός*. *Hylaris, & albus, nitens Cyllenius alis*. As *Bacchus* was call'd *ἄνθιος, floridus* : and *Hebo*, à *lanugine & molli ætate, semper virens*. b *Apollo* is said, after *Iupiter* had put *Saturne* to flight, to haue sung his fathers victorie to the Harpe, *Purpureâ togâ decorus, & lauro coronatus, mirificeque deos omnes qui accubuerant, in conuiuio delectauisse*. Which *Tibullus*, in *lib. 2. Elegiar.* points to. *Sed niliâus, pulcra, veni. Nunc indue vestem Purpuream, longas nunc bene necte comas. Qualem te memorant Saturno rege fugato Victoris laudes tunc cecinisse Iouis*. c He was then louely, as being not yet stayn'd with bloud, and call'd *χρυσοπήληξ Ἄρης, quasi aureum flagellum (vel rectius) auream galeam habens*.

Our P A N's father, * god of tongue,
B A C C H V S, though he still be yong,
P H Œ B V S, ^b when he crowned sung,
Nor M A R S, ^c when first his armor rung,
Might with him be nam'd, that day.
He is louelier, then in May
Is the Spring, and there can stay,
As little, as he can decay.

CHORVS.

75 O, that he would come away !

SATYRE 3.

d In *Iulius Pollux, lib. 4. cap. 19.* in that part, which he entitles *de Satyricis personis*,

we read, that *Silenus* is called *πάμπρος*, that is, *auus*, to note his great age : as amongst the comick persons, the reuerenced for their yeares, were called *πάμπροι* : and with *Iuhan*, in *Cæs. Bacchus*, when he speaks him faire, calls him *παππίδιον*. e A name of *Bacchus*, *Lyæus*, of freeing mens mindes from cares : *παρὰ τὸ λύω, soluo*.

d Grandsire, we shall leaue to play
With * L Y æ V S now ; and serue
Only O B' R O N ?

80

SILENVS.

Hee'le deserue
All you can, and more, my boyes.

SATYRE 4.

Will he giue vs prettie toyes,
85 To beguile the girles withall ?

66 note 'a.' *hircinis*. F2: *hircints* F1 *λευκός* F2: *λονκός* F1 *ἄνθιος* Editor *ἄνθιος* Ff *Hebo*] *Query ἡβῶν* (or *Ἡβῶν*) 69 note 'c.' *χρυσοπήληξ* Editor: *χρυσήληξ* Ff *Ἄρης* F2: *ἄρης* F1 72 stay,] *stay* Ff 77 note 'd.' *πάμπροι* F2: *πάμπροι* F1 *παππίδιον*] *παππίδιον* Ff 78 note 'e.' *παρὰ τὸ*] *Query, παρὰ τοῦ*.

S A T Y R E 3.

And to make 'hem quickly fall ?

S I L E N V S.

Peace, my wantons : he will doe
More, then you can ayme vnto.

90

S A T Y R E 4.

Will he build vs larger caues ?

S I L E N V S.

Yes, and giue you yuorie staues,
When you hunt ; and better wine :

95

S A T Y R E I.

Then the master of the Vine ?

S A T Y R E 2.

And rich prizes, to be wunne,
When we leape, or when we runne ?

100

S A T Y R E I.

I, and gild our clouen feet ?

S A T Y R E 3.

Strew our heads with poulders sweet ?

S A T Y R E I.

105

Bind our crooked legges in hoopes
Made of shells, with siluer loopes ?

S A T Y R E 2.

Tie about our tawnie wrists
Bracelets of the *Fairie* twists ?

110

S A T Y R E 4.

And, to spight the coy Nymphes scornes,
Hang vpon our stubbed hornes,
Garlands, ribbands, and fine poesies ;

115

SATYRE 3.

Fresh, as when the flower discloses ?

SATYRE I.

Yes, and stick our pricking eares
With the pearle that *Tethys* weares.

120

SATYRE 2.

And to answere all things els,
Trap our shaggie thighs with bels ;
That as we do strike a time,
In our daunce, shall make a chime

125

SATYRE 3.

Lowder, then the rattling pipes
Of the wood-gods ;

SATYRE I.

Or the stripes

* *Erat solenne* 130
Baccho in
pomp. tene-
rorum more
puerorum ges-
tari à Sileno,
& Satyris,
Bacchis præ-
cedentibus,
quarum una
semper erat
Tympanistria, 135
altera Tibi-
cina, &c. vide
Athenæ.

* Of the *Taber* ; when we carrie
BACCHVS vp, his pompe to varie.

CHORVS.

O, that he so long doth tarrie !

SILENVS.

See, the rocke begins to ope,
Now you shall enioy your hope ;
'Tis about the houre, I know.

There the whole Scene opened, and within was discover'd
the Frontispice of a bright and glorious Palace, whose gates
140 *and walls were transparent. Before the gates lay two Syluanes,*
armed with their clubs, and drest in leaues, asleepe. At this,
the Satyres wondering, SILENVS proceedes.

145

Looke ! Do's not his *Palace* show
Like another *Skie* of lights ?
Yonder, with him, liue the knights,

Once, the noblest of the earth,
Quick'ned by a second birth ;
Who for prowess, and for truth,
There are crownd with lasting youth :
And do hold, by *Fates* command, 150
Seats of blisse in *Fairie* land.
But their guards (me thinks) do sleep !
Let vs wake'hem. Sirs, you keepe
Proper watch, that thus doe lye
Drown'd in sloth. 155

SATYRE I.

They'ha' ne're an eye
To wake withall.

SATYRE 2.

Nor sence, I feare ; 160
For they sleepe in either eare.

SATYRE 3.

Holla, *Syluanes* ! Sure, they'ar'caues
Of sleepe, these ; or els they'ar'graues !

SATYRE 4.

Heare you, friends, who keeps the keepers ? 165

SATYRE I.

They'are the eight & ninth sleepers ?

SATYRE 2.

Shall we crampe 'hem ? 170

SILENVS.

SATYRES, no.

SATYRE 3.

Would we'had *Boreas* here, to blow
Off their leaue coats, and strip 'hem. 175

SATYRE 4.

I, I, I; that we might whip 'hem.

SATYRE 3.

180 Or, that w(e) had a waspe, or two
For their nostrills.

SATYRE 1.

Hayres will doe
Euen as well: Take my tayle.

SATYRE 2.

185 What do'you say t(o)'a good nayle
Through their temples?

SATYRE 3.

Or an eele,
In their guts, to make 'hem feele?

190 SATYRE 4.

Shall wee steale away their beards?

SATYRE 3.

For P A N S goat, that leads the herds?

SATYRE 2.

195 Or tric, whether is more dead,
His club, or the'others head?

SILENVS.

Wags, no more: you grow too bold.

SATYRE 1.

200 I would faine, now, see 'hem rol'd
Downe a hill, or from a bridge
Headlong cast, to break their ridge-
Bones: or to some riuier take 'hem;
Plump: and see, if that would wake 'hem.

205 SATYRE 2.

There no motion, yet, appeares.

S I L E N V S.

Strike a charme into their eares.

At which the Satyres fell sodainely into this catch.

Buz, quoth the blue Flie, 210
 Hum, quoth the Bee :
 Buz, and hum, they crie,
 And so doe wee.
 In his eare, in his nose,
 Thus, doe you see ? 215
 He eat the dormouse,
 Else it was hee.

The two Syluanes starting vp amazed, and betaking themselves to their armes, were thus question'd by S I L E N V S.

How now, *Syluanes* ! can you wake ? 220
 I commend the care you take
 I' your watch. Is this your guise
 To haue both your eares, and eyes
 Seal'd so fast ; as these mine *Elues*
 Might haue stolne you, from your selues ? 225

S A T Y R E 3.

We had thought we must haue got
 Stakes, and heated 'hem red-hot,
 And haue bor'd you, thr(o)ugh the eies
 (With the * *Cyclops*) e're you'd rise.

230 * *Vid. Cyc.
 Euripid. vbi
 Satyr Vlyssi
 auxilio sunt
 ad amburen-
 dum oculum
 Cyclopis.*

S A T Y R E 2.

Or haue fetch'd some trees, to heaue
 Vp your bulkes, that so did cleaue
 To the ground, there.

S A T Y R E 4.

235

Are you free
 Yet of sleepe, and can you see
 Who is yonder vp, aloofe ?

²¹⁵ *They tickle them.* add. G
²³⁰ note *. *sunt]* *sint* Ff

229 haue bor'd] hauebor'd Fr

S A T Y R E I.

240 Be your eyes, yet, Moone-proofe ?

S Y L V A N E.

Satyres, leaue your petulance ;
 And goe friske about, and dance ;
 Or else raile vpon the moone :
 245 Your expectance is too soone.
 For before the second cock
 Crow, the gates will not vnlock.
 And, till then, we know we keepe
 Guard enough, although we sleepe.

250 S A T Y R E I.

Say you so ? then let vs fall
 To a song, or to a brawle :
 Shall we, grand-sire ? Let vs sport,
 And make expectation short.

255 S I L E N V S.

Doe, my wantons, what you please.
 Ile lie downe, and take mine ease.

S A T Y R E I.

260 Brothers, sing then, and vpbraid
 (As we vse) yond' seeming maid.

S O N G.

NOw, my cunning lady ; Moone,
 Can you leaue the side, so soone,
 Of the boy, you keepe so hid ?
 265 Mid-wife I v n o sure will say,
 This is not the proper way
 Of your palenesse to be rid.
 But, perhaps, it is your grace
 To weare sicknesse i' your face,
 270 That there might be wagers laid,
 Still, by fooles, you are a maid.

Come, your changes ouerthrow
 What your looke would carry so ;
 Moone, confesse then, what you are.
 And be wise, and free to vse 275
 Pleasures, that you now doe loose ;
 Let vs *Satyres* haue a share.
 Though our forms be rough, & rude,
 Yet our acts may be endew'd
 With more vertue : Euery one 280
 Cannot be *ENDYMION*.

The song ended : They fell sodainely into an antique dance, full of gesture, and swift motion, and continued it, till the crowing of the cock : At which they were interrupted by
SILENVS. 285

SILENVS.

STay, the cheerefull *Chanticleere*
 Tells you, that the time is neere :
 See, the gates alreadie spread !
 Euery *Satyre* bow his head. 290

There the whole palace open'd, and the nation of Faies were discover'd, some with instruments, some bearing lights ; others singing ; and within a farre off in perspectiue, the knights masquers sitting in their seuerall sieges : At the further end of all, OBERON, in a chariot, which to a lowd 295
triumphant musique began to moue forward, drawne by two white beares, and on either side guarded by three Syluanes, with one going in front.

SONG.

MEl't earth to sea, sea flow to ayre, 300
 And ayre flie into fire,
 Whilst we, in tunes, to *ARTHURS* chayre
 Beare *OBERONS* desire ;
 Then which there nothing can be higher,
 Saue *IAMES*, to whom it flies : 305
 But he the wonder is of tongues, of eares, of eyes.

Who hath not heard, who hath not seene,

Who hath not sung his name ?

The soule, that hath not, hath not beene ;

310 But is the very same

With buried sloth, and knowes not fame,

Which doth him best comprise :

For he the wonder is of tongues, of eares, of eyes.

315 *By this time, the chariot was come as far forth as the face of the scene. And the Satyres beginning to leape, and expresse their ioy, for the vn-used state, and solemnitie, the formost Syluane began to speake.*

SYLVANE.

320 **G**Iue place, and silence ; you were rude too late :

This is a night of greatnesse, and of state ;

Not to be mixt with light, and skipping sport :

A night of homage to the *British* court,

And ceremony, due to *ARTHURS* chaire,

From our bright master, *OBERON* the faire :

325 Who, with these knights, attendants, here preseru'd

In *Faery* land, for good they haue deseru'd

Of yond' high throne, are come of right to pay

Their annuall vowes ; and all their glories lay

At('s) feet, and tender to this only great,

330 True maiestie, restored in this seate :

To whose sole power, and magick they doe giue

The honor of their being ; that they liue

Sustayn'd in forme, fame, and felicitie,

From rage of fortune, or the feare to die.

335 SILENVS.

ANd may they well. For this indeed is hee,

My boyes, whom you must quake at, when you see.

He is aboue your reach ; and neither doth,

Nor can he thinke, within a *Satyres* tooth :

306 seene,] beene ; Re 318 SYLVANE] SYLVANI Re, F2 329
At's 1716 : At Ff

Before his presence, you must fall, or flie. 340
 He is the matter of vertue, and plac'd high.
 His meditations, to his height, are euen :
 And all their issue is a kin to heauen.
 He is a god, o're kings ; yet stoupes he then
 Neerest a man, when he doth gouerne men ; 345
 To teach them by the sweetnesse of his sway,
 And not by force. H(e)'is such a king, as thay,
 Who'are tyrannes subiects, or ne're tasted peace,
 Would, in their wishes, forme, for their release.
 'Tis he, that stayes the time from turning old, 350
 And keepes the age vp in a head of gold.
 That in his owne true circle, still doth runne ;
 And holds his course, as certayne as the sunne.
 He makes it euer day, and euer spring,
 Where he doth shine, and quickens euery thing 355
 Like a new nature : so, that true to call
 Him, by his title, is to say, Hee's all.

S Y L V A N E.

I Thanke the wise S I L E N V S, for this prayse.
 Stand forth, bright *Faies*, and *Elues*, and tune your layes 360
 Vnto his name : Then let your nimble feet
 Tread subtle circles, that may alwayes meet
 In point to him ; and figures, to expresse
 The grace of him, and his great empresse.
 That All, that shall to night behold the rites, 365
 Perform'd by princely O B E R O N, and these knights,
 May, without stop, point out the proper hayre
 Design'd so long to A R T H V R S crownes, and chayre.

The S o n G, by two Faies.

1. S Eeke you maiestie, to strike ? 370
 Bid the world produce his like.
2. Seeke you glorie, to amaze ?
 Here, let all eyes stand at gaze.

359 Thanke] Thanke, Fr : Thank F2 this] his F2 364 empresse]
 Emperesse F2

- 375 1. } Seeke you wisdom, to inspire ?
 2. } Touch, then, at no others fire.
 1. Seeke you knowledge, to direct ?
 Trust to his, without suspect.
 2. Seeke you pietie, to lead ?
 In his foot-steps, only, tread.
 380 CHO. } Euery vertue of a king,
 And of all, in him, we sing.

*Then, the lesser Faies dance forth their dance ; which ended,
 a full song followes, by all the voyces.*

S O N G.

- 385 THe solemne rites are well begunne ;
 And, though but lighted by the moone,
 They shew as rich, as if the sunne
 Had made this night his noone.
 But may none wonder, that they are so bright,
 390 The moone now borrowes from a greater light :
 Then, princely O B E R O N,
 Goe on,
 This is not euery night.

- There O B E R O N, and the knights dance out the first masque-*
 395 *dance : which was follow'd with this song.*

S O N G.

- N Ay, nay,
 You must not stay,
 Nor be weary, yet ;
 400 This 's no time to cast away ;
 Or, for *Faies* so to forget
 The vertue of their feet.
 Knottie legs, and plants of clay
 Seeke for ease, or loue delay.
 405 But with you it still should fare
 As, with the ayre of which you are.

After which, they danced forth their second masque-dance, and were againe excited by a song.

S O N G.

- I. **N**Or yet, nor yet, O you in this night blest, 410
 Must you haue will, or hope to rest.
 2. If you vse the smallest stay,
 You'll be ouertane by day.
 I. And these beauties will suspect
 That their formes you doe neglect, 415
 If you doe not call them forth :
 2. Or that you haue no more worth
 Then the course, and countrey *Faery*,
 That doth haunt the harth, or dairy.

Then follow'd the measures, coranto's, galliards, &c. till 420
P H O S P H O R V S, the day-starre, appear'd, and call'd
them away ; but first they were inuited home, by one of the
Syluanes, with this song.

S O N G.

- G**Entle knights, 425
 Knowe some measure of your nights.
 Tell the high-grac'd O B E R O N,
 It is time, that we were gone.
 Here be formes, so bright, and aery,
 And their motions so they vary 430
 As they will enchant the *Faery*,
 If you longer, here, should tarry.

P H O S P H O R V S.

TO rest, to rest ; The *Herald* of the day,
 Bright P H O S P H O R V S commands you hence ; Obay. 435
 The *Moone* is pale, and spent ; and winged night
 Makes head-long haste, to flie the mornings sight :
 Who, now, is rising from her blushing warres,
 And, with her rosie hand, puts backe the starres.

440 Of which my selfe, the last, her harbinger,
 But stay, to warne you, that you not defer
 Your parting longer. Then, doe I giue way,
 As night hath done, and so must you, to day.

After this, they danc'd their last dance, into the worke. And
 445 *with a full song, the starre vanish'd, and the whole machine*
clos'd.

S O N G.

O Yet, how early, and before her time,
 The enuious *Morning* vp doth clime,
 450 Though shee not loue her bed !
 What haste the iealous *Sunne* doth make,
 His fiery horses vp to take,
 And once more shew his head !
 Lest, taken with the brightnesse of this night,
 455 The world should wish it last, and neuer misse his light.

445 *the starre]* *starre* Re : *straight* F2

LOVE FREED FROM IGNORANCE
AND FOLLY

THE TEXT

First printed in the Folio of 1616 on signatures Nnnn 6 verso to Oooo 3 recto, pages 984-9. Only the chief readings of the reset pages, the outer forme of Oooo 3 and 4, are recorded. In line 375 we have adopted Swinburne's conjecture 'airy music' for 'angry music'. Francis Cunningham defended 'angry' with a reference to the stormier phases of Timotheus' music in *Alexander's Feast*, but the 'rattling peal of thunder', which he quotes, is not the effect required for the Muses' Priests and Graces to 'goe to rest'.

A MASQVE OF HER MAIESTIES.

LOVE FREED FROM IGNORANCE and FOLLY.

SO soone as the Kings *Maiestie* was set, and in expectation,
there was heard a strange *Musique* of wilde Instruments.
To which a SPHYNX came forth dauncing, leading LOVE
bound.

SPHYNX *leading* LOVE bound.

COME sir TYRANNE, lordly LOVE,
You that awe the gods aboue,
As their creatures, here below,
With the scepter, call'd your bow ;
And doe all their forces beare
In the quiuer, that you weare,
Whence no sooner you doe draw
Forth a shaft, but is a law :
Now, they shall not need to tremble,
When you threaten, or dissemble,
Any more ; And, though you see
Whom to hurt, you ha' not free
Will, to act your rage. The bands
Of your eyes, now tye your hands.
All the Triumphs, all the spoiles
Gotten by your artes, and toiles,
Ouer foe, and ouer friend,
O're your mother, here must end.
And you, now, that thought to lay
The world wast, must be my pray.

By this
5 Sphynx was
vnderstood
Ignorance,
who is alwaies
the enemie of
Love, &
Beauty, and
lyes still in
wait to en-
trap them.
10 For which,
Antiquitie
hath giuen her
the vpper
parts, and
face of a
woman: the
nether parts
15 of a Lion, the
wings of an
Eagle to
shewe her
fiercenesse, &
swiftnesse to
euill, where
shee hath
power.
20

25

L O V E.

- C**Ruell S P H Y N X, I rather striue
 How to keepe the world aliue,
 And vphold it ; without mee,
 30 All againe would *Chaos* bee.
 Tell me, *Monster*, what should moue
 Thy despight, thus, against L O V E ?
 Is there nothing faire, and good,
 Nothing bright, but burns thy blood ?
 35 Still, thou art thy selfe, and made
 All of practice, to inuade
 Clearest bosomes. Hath this place
 None will pittie C V P I D S case ?
 Some soft eye, (while I can see
 40 Who it is, that melts for mee)
 Weepe a fit. Are all eyes here
 Made of marble ? But a teare,
 Though a false one ; It may make
 Others true compassion take.
 45 I would tell you all the storie
 If I thought you could be sorie.
 And, in truth, ther's none haue reason,
 Like your selues, to hate the treason.
 For it practis'd was on beautie,
 50 Vnto whom L O V E owes all dutie.
 Let your fauour but affright
 S P H Y N X here, I shall soone recite
 Euery passage, how it was.

S P H Y N X.

- 55 **D**Oe, Ile laugh, or cry alas.
 Thinks poore L O V E, can Ladies lookes
 Saue him from the S P H Y N X E S hookes ?

L O V E.

NO, but these can witnesse beare
 Of my *candor*, when they heare 60
 What thy malice is ; or, how
 I became thy captiue now :
 And it is no small content,
 Falling, to fall innocent.
 Know, then, all you *Glories* here, 65
 In the vtmost East there were
 Eleuen Daughters of the morne.
 Ne're were brighter Beuy borne,
 Nor more perfect beauties seene.
 The eldest of them was the Queene 70
 Of the Orient, and 'twas sed,
 That shee should with *Phæbus* wed.
 For which high-vouchsafed grace,
 He was lou'd of all their race.
 And they would, when he did rise, 75
 Doe him earely sacrifice
 Of the rich, and purest gumme,
 That from any plant could come ;
 And would looke at him as farre
 As they could discerne his carre : 80
 Grieuing, that they might not euer
 See him ; and when night did seuer
 Their aspects, they sate and wept
 Till he came, and neuer slept :
 In so much, that at the length 85
 This their feruour gate such strength,
 As they would a iourney proue,
 By the guard, and ayde of L o v e,
 Hither to the farthest West :
 Where, they heard, as in the East, 90
 He a Palace, no lesse bright,
 Had, to feast in euery night

63 is *om. Re* content, *F2* : content; *Fr*
 75 rise, *F2* : rise *Fr*

68 Beuy] Beuies *F2*

With the Ocean, where he rested

Safe, and in all state inuested.

95

I, that neuer left the side

Of the faire, became their guide.

But behold, no sooner landing

* On this Ile, but this commanding

* The meaning
of this is, that
these Ladies
being the per-
fect issue
of Beautie,

and all worldly grace, were carried by *Loue* to celebrate the Maiestie, and wisdom of the King, figur'd in the Sunne, and seated in these extreme parts of the world; where they were rudely receiued by Ignorance, on their first approach, to the hazard of their affection, it being her nature to hinder all noble actions; but that the *Loue* which brought them thither, was not willing to forsake them, no more then they were to abandon it, yet was it enough perplex'd, in that the monster ignorance still couets, to enwrap it selfe in darke, and obscure tearmes, and betray that way, whereas true loue affects to expresse it selfe, with all clearenesse, and simplicitie.

Monster S P H Y N X, the enemy

100

Of all actions great, and high,

Knowing, that these rites were done

To the wisdom of the sunne,

From a cliffe surpriz'd them all.

And, though I did humbly fall

105

At her lions feete, and pray'd

As shee had the face of mayd,

That shee would compassion take

Of these ladies, for whose sake

L o v E would giue himselfe vp; shee,

110

Swift to euill, as you see

By her wings, and hooked hands,

First did take my offred bands,

Then, to prison of the night,

Did condemne those sisters bright,

115

There, for euer to remaine,

'Lesse they could the knot vn-straine

Of a riddle, which shee put

Darker, then where they are shut :

Or, from thence, their freedoms proue

120

With the vtter losse of L o v E.

They vnwilling to forego

One, who had deserved so

Of all beautie, in their names,
Were content to haue their flames
Hid in lasting night, e're I 125
Should for them vntimely die.

I, on th'other side, as glad
That I such aduantage had
To assure them mine, engag'd
Willingly my selfe, and wag'd 130
With the monster, that if I
Did her riddle not vntie,
I would freely giue my life
To redeeme them, and the strife.

S P H Y N X. 135

Ha'you said, Sir? will you try,
Now, your knowne dexterity?
You presume, vpon your artes,
Of tying, and vntying hearts:
And it makes you confident; 140
But, anone, you will repent.

L O V E.

No, S P H Y N X, I do not presume,
But some little heart assume
From my Iudges heere, that sit 145
As they would not loose L O V E yet.

S P H Y N X.

You are pleasant, Sir, 'tis good.

L O V E.

L O V E do's often change his mood. 150

S P H Y N X.

I shall make you sad agen.

L O V E.

I shall be the sorier, then.

155

S P H Y N X.

Come, Sir, lend it your best eare.

L O V E.

I begin t(o)' haue halfe a feare.

S P H Y N X.

160

First, *Cupid*, you must cast about
 To find a world the world without,
 Wherein what's done, the eie doth doe ;
 And is the light, and treasure too.
 This eye still moues, and still is fixed,
 165 And in the powers thereof are mixed
 Two contraries ; which Time, till now,
 Nor Fate knew where to ioyne, or how.
 Yet, if you hit the right vpon,
 You must resolute these, all, by on.

170

L O V E.

S P H Y N X, you are too quick of tongue :
 Say't againe, and take me'along.

S P H Y N X.

175

I say, you first must cast about
 To finde a world, the world without.

L O V E.

I say, that is alreadie done,
 And is the new world i' the Moone.

S P H Y N X.

180

Cupid, you doe cast too farre ;
 This world is neerer by a starre.
 So much light Ile giue you to'it.

L O V E.

185

Without a Glasse ? Well, I shall do't.
 Your world's a Lady, then ; each creature
 Humane, is a world in feature,
 Is it not ?

166 Time] time Ff (so 226) 169 on] one F2
 then, F1 186 feature, F2: feature. F1

185 then ; F2:

S P H Y N X.

Yes, but finde out
A world you must, the world without. 190

L O V E.

Why, if her seruante be not here,
She doth a single world appeare
Without her world.

S P H Y N X. 195

Well, you shall runne.

L O V E.

Nay, S P H Y N X, thus far is wel begunne.

S P H Y N X.

Wherein what's done, the eye doth doe, 200
And is the light, and treasure too.

L O V E.

That's cleare as light ; for wherein lies
A Ladies power, but in her eyes ?
And not alone her grace, and power, 205
But oftentimes, her wealth, and dower.

S P H Y N X.

I spake but of an eye, not eyes.

L O V E.

A one-eyd Mistresse that vnties. 210

S P H Y N X.

This eye still moues, and still is fixed.

L O V E.

A rolling eye, that, natiue there,
Yet throwes her glaunces euery where ; 215
And, being but single, faine would doo
The offices, and artes of two.

S P H Y N X.

220 And in the powers thereof are mixed
Two contraries.

L O V E.

That's smiles, and teares,
Or fire, and frost ; For either beares
Resemblance apt.

225 S P H Y N X.

Which Time, till now,
Nor Fate knew where to ioyne, or how.
How now, C V P I D ? at a stay ?
Not another word, to say ?
230 Doe you finde by this, how long
You haue beene at a fault, and wrong ?

L O V E.

S P H Y N X, it is your pride, to vexe
Whome you deale with, and perplexe
235 Things most easie : Ignorance
Thinkes she doth her selfe aduance,
If of problemes cleare, shee make
Riddles, and the sense forsake,
Which came gentle from the Muses,
240 Till her vttring, it abuses.

S P H Y N X.

Nay, your rayling will not saue you :
C V P I D, I of right must haue you.
Come my fruitfull issue forth,
245 Dance, and shew a gladnesse, worth
Such a captiue, as is L O V E,
And your mothers triumph proue.

The Follies dance, which were twelue shee-fooles.

S P H Y N X.

N^Ow, ^b go take him vp, & beare him
To the cliffe, where I wil teare him
Peece-meale, and giue each a part
Of his raw, and bleeding heart.

^b This shewes,
250 that *Loues* ex-
positions are
not alway
serious, till it
be diuinely
instructed ;
and that

sometimes it may be in the danger of Ignorance and Folly, who are the mother, and issue :
for no folly but is borne of ignorance.

L O V E.

Ladies, haue your lookes no power 255
To helpe L o v e, at such an hower ?
Will you loose him thus ? adiew,
Thinke, what will become of you,
Who shall praise you, who admire,
Who shall whisper, by the fire 260
As you stand, soft tales, who bring you
Prettie newes, in rimes who sing you,
Who shall bathe him in the streames
Of your blood, and send you dreames
Of delight. 265

S P H Y N X.

Away, goe beare him
Hence, they shall no longer heare him.

*The Muses Priests : their number twelue : their song,
to a measure.*

270

G^Entle ^c L o v e, be not dismay'd.
See, the *Muses* pure, and holy,

^c Here is
vnderstood
the power of
wisdom in

the *Muses* ministers, by which name al that haue the spirit of prophesie are stil'd, and such they
are that need to encounter Ignorance, and Folly : and are euer readie to assist *Loue* in any
action of honor, and vertue, and inspire him with their owne soule.

By their Priests haue sent thee ayde
Against this brood of Folly.
It is true, that S P H Y N X their dame 275
Had the sense first from the *Muses*,
Which in vttring shee doth lame,
Perplexeth, and abuses.

262 you, *F2* : you. *Fr* : you ? *W* 269 *The . . . song*] *Here the*
Muses' Priests, in number twelue, advance to his rescue, and sing this Song
G 273 thee] thy *F2*

But they bid, that thou should'st looke
 280 In the brightest face here shining,
 And the same, as would a booke,
 Shall helpe thee in diuining.

L O V E.

'Tis done, 'tis done. I haue found it out,
 285 Britayne's the world, the world without.
 The King's the eye, as we do call
 The sunne the eye of this great all.
 And is the light and treasure too ;
 For 'tis his wisdome all doth doo.
 290 Which still is fixed in his brest,
 Yet still doth moue to guide the rest.
 The Contraries which Time till now
 Nor Fate knew where to ioyne, or how,
 Are maiestie, and L O V E ; which there,
 295 And no where els, haue their true speare.
 Now S P H Y N X, I'haue hit the right vpon
 And doe resolue these All by on :
 That is, that you meant *Albion*.

P R I E S T S.

'Tis true in him, and in no other,
 300 L O V E, thou art cleare absolved.
 Vanish Follies, with your mother,
 The riddle is resolved.
 S P H Y N X must flie, when *Phæbus* shines,
 305 And to ayde of L O V E enclines.

L O V E.

Appeare then you, my brighter charge,
 And to light your selues enlarge,
 To behold that glorious starre,
 310 For whose loue you came so farre,
 While the monster, with her elues,
 Do præcipitate themselues.

293 how, F2 : how F1
 307 you,] you Ff

305 *Sphinx retires with the Follies.* add G

GRACES.

Their Song crowning C V P I D.

A Crowne, a crowne for L O V E S bright head, 315
Without whose happie wit
All forme, and beautie had beene dead,
And we had di'd with it.

For what are all the graces
Without good formes, and faces ? 320
Then *Loue* recieue the due reward
Those *Graces* haue prepar'd.

C H O. { And may no hand, no tongue, no eie
Thy merit, or their thankes enuie.

A Dialogue betweene the C H O R V S and the G R A C E S. 325

W Hat gentle formes are these that moue
To honour *Loue* ?
They are the bright and golden lights
That grace his nights. 330
And shot from *Beauties* eyes,
They looke like faire A V R O R A S streames.
They are her fairer daughters beames,
Who now doth rise.
Then night is lost, or fled away ;
For where such *Beautie* shines, is euer day. 335

The Masque daunce followed.

That done, one of the P R I E S T S alone sung.

P R I E. { O What a fault, nay, what a sinne
In *Fate*, or *Fortune* had it beene,
So much beautie to haue lost ! 340
Could the world with all her cost

313, 314 GRACES . . . CVPID. *Here the Graces enter, and sing this Song, crowning Cupid.* G 326-35 G divides the song thus : Cho. 326, 327 ; 330, 331 ; 334, 335. Gra. 328, 329 ; 332, 333 330 eyes,] eyes Fr 331 streames.] streames, F2 334 away ; F2 : away Fr

Haue redeem'd it? C H O. { No, no, no.

P R I E. { How so?

345 C H O. { It would *Nature* quite vndoe,
For losing these, you lost her too.

The Measures and Reuells follow.

Then another of the Priests alone.

350 H O W neere to good is what is faire !
Which we no sooner see,
But with the lines, and outward aire
Our senses taken be.
We wish to see it still, and proue,
What waies wee may deserue,
We court, we praise, we more then loue.
355 We are not grieu'd to serue.

The last Masque-daunce.

And after it, this full Song.

360 W H A T iust excuse had aged *Time*,
His wearie limbes now to haue eas'd,
And sate him downe without his crime,
While euery thought was so much pleas'd !
For he so greedie to deuoure
His owne, and all that hee brings forth,
Is eating euery piece of houre
365 Some obiect of the rarest worth.
Yet this is rescued from his rage,
As not to die by time, or age.
For beautie hath a liuing name,
And will to heauen, from whence it came.

347 *another*] *anot her* F1 350] lines *W conj.*, G : liues F1 :
liues F2 outward F2 : out ward F1 354 loue.] loue : F2

Loue Freed from Ignorance. 371

The going out.

370

N^Ow, now. Gentle *Loue* is free, and *Beautie* blest
With the sight it so much long'd to see.
Let vs the *Muses* P R I E S T S, and G R A C E S goe to rest,
For in them our labours happie bee.
Then, then, ayry *Musique* sound, and teach our feet, 375
How to moue in time, and measure meet :
Thus should the *Muses* P R I E S T S, and G R A C E S goe to
rest,
Bowing to the Sunne, throned in the West.

371 now.] now, *W* 375 ayry] airy *A. C. Swinburne conj.* :
angry *Ff* : *G* marks a lacuna

LOVE RESTORED

THE TEXT

First printed in the Folio of 1616 on signatures O o o o 3 recto to 6 recto, pages 989 to 995. Here again we quote only the more important readings of the reset pages. The text of the antimasque has a number of erroneous or questionable readings. In lines 15-16 it reads 'we ha' *neither* Musician to play our tunes, *but* the wild musique here'. The Oxford Dictionary (*s.v.* *Neither*, A. 1. f) notices '*neither* irregularly followed by *and* or *but*' as an obsolete usage, and fully illustrates '*neither . . . and*', but for '*but*' gives only the following confused passage from Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress*, 2nd edition, 1678, p. 178, 'What a mercy it is that neither thou, but especially I, am not made my self this example'. There is no other example in the text of Jonson of '*neither . . . but*', so we have emended it to '*no other . . . but*'. In lines 18-20 'See, they ha' thrust him out, at adventure, humbly beseech your Maiestie to beare with vs', we have marked a new sentence and inserted a 'We' supplied by the 1640 Folio before 'humbly beseech . . .'. In lines 68-9 'Your rude good fellowship must seeke some other spheare for your *admittie*' in Plutus' answer to Robin-Goodfellow's 'I would you would admit some of my feates'. . . . 'Admittie' is accepted by the Oxford Dictionary, which explains it as formed from the verb 'admit' in imitation of 'inquir-y', 'expir-y'. We therefore accept it, but it is a *ἀπαξ λεγόμενον*, and we suggest that Jonson may have written 'actiuitie' in reference to Robin's feats.

In lines 85-6, 'I would not imitate so Catholique a cockscombe as CORYAT, *and make a case: uses.*' the text is hopelessly corrupt. The 1640 Folio, followed by the Folio of 1692, by Whalley, and at first by Gifford, left out the end of the sentence. But in a note to *Epigram lxxxv* Gifford proposed what is certainly a brilliant conjecture, though there is no proof that it was Jonson's original text, 'and make a case' (i.e. a pair) 'of asses'. Two minor misprints are due to mispunctuation: 'Which, when I was faine to

be' (i.e. an interpreter) 'to my selfe, a *Colossus*, the companie told me, I had *English* enough to carrie me to bed.' (ll. 130-2) and 'PLVRVS, the god of *money*, who ha's stolne LOVE's ensignes; and in his belyed figure, raignes; the world making friendships' . . . (ll. 174-6). For the first passage Whalley proposed 'a Colossus of the company'; as he remarked, this agrees with what immediately follows, 'all the other statues of flesh laugh'd.' We adopt this suggestion in the abbreviated form 'o'.' In the second passage we read 'raignes i' the world'. The same extraordinary misprint appears in *The English Grammar* in the 1640 Folio, Book I, ch. iv, s.v. T. 'T, is sounded with the tongue striking the upper teeth, and hath one constant power, save where it precedeth; and that followed by a *Vowell*; as in *Faction*'—where the correct reading is 'precedeth *i*'. Jonson must in these two passages have written the downward stroke of the 'i' very lightly for two printers to misread it in this way. In line 10 'our masquing attire on *and attired*' involves needless repetition and is probably a corruption.

LOVE RESTORED,

In a Masque at Court, by Gentlemen the

KINGS *Seruants*.

MASQVERADO.

I Would, I could make 'hem a shew my selfe. In troth, Ladies, I pittie you all. You are here in expectation of a deuice to night, and I am afraid you can doe little else but expect it. Though I dare not shew my face, I can speake 5 truth, vnder a vizard. Good faith, and 't please your Maiestie, Your Masquers are all at a stand; I cannot thinke your Maiestie wil see any shew to night, at least worth your patience. Some two houres since, we were in that forwardnesse, our dances learn'd, our masquing attire on and 10 attired. A prettie fine speech was taken vp o' the Poet too, which if hee neuer be paide for, now, it's no matter; His wit costs him nothing. Vnlesse wee should come in like a Morrice-dance, and whistle our ballat our selues, I know not what we should doe: we ha' no other Musician to play our 15 tunes, but the wild musique here, and the rogue play-boy that acts C V P I D, is got so hoarse, your maiestie cannot heare him, halfe the bredth o' your chayre. See, they ha' thrust him out, at aduenture. <We> humbly beseech your Maiestie to beare with vs. We had both hope and purpose 20 it should haue been better, howsoeuer we are lost in it.

PLVTVS. What makes this light, fether'd vanitie, here? Away, impertinent folly. Infect not this assembly.

MAS. How boy!

PLVT. Thou common corruption of all manners, and 25 places that admit thee.

MAS. Ha' you recouered your voice, to rayle at me?

1 troth,] troth Ff 6 vizard. F2: vizard, Fr 12 it's] its
Ff 13 nothing. Vnlesse] nothing, vnlesse Fr: nothing. Unlesse
F2 15 no other Editor: neither Ff 18 After 'chayre'.
Enter Plutus, as Cupid. G 19 aduenture. We humbly] aduenture,
humbly Fr: adventure. We humbly F2

P L V. No, vizarded impudence. I am neither player, nor masquer; but the god himselfe, whose deitie is here
 30 prophan'd by thee. Thou, and thy like, thinke your selues authoris'd in this place, to all licence of surquedry. But you shall finde, custome hath not so grafted you here, but you may be rent vp, and throwne out as vnprofitable euils. I tell thee, I will haue no more masquing; I will not buy a
 35 false, and fleeting delight so deare: The merry madnesse of one hower shall not cost me the repentance of an age.

R O B I N-Goodfellow. How! no masque, no masque? I pray you say, are you sure on't? no masque indeede? What doe I here then? Can you tell?

40 M A S. No, faith.

R O B. 'Slight, I'll be gone againe, and there bee no maske; There's a iest. Pray you resolue me. Is there any? or no? A masque?

P L V. Who are you?

45 R O B. Nay, I'll tell you that when I can. Do's any bodie know themselues here, thinke you? I would faine know if there be a maske, or no.

P L V. There is none, nor shall be, sir; do's that satisfie you?

50 R O B. Slight, a fine trick! a piece of *Englands ioy*, this. Are these your court-sports! would I had kept mee to my gamboles o' the countrey still, selling of fish, short seruice, shooing the wild mare, or roasting of R O B B I N red-brest. These were better then after all this time no masque: you
 55 looke at me. I haue recouer'd my selfe, now, for you, I am the honest plaine countrey spirit, and harmelesse: R O B B I N good-fellow, hee that sweepes the harth, and the house cleane, riddles for the countrey maides, and does all their other drudgerie, while they are at hot-cockles: one, that ha's
 60 discours'd with your court spirits, e're now; but was faine to night to run a thousand hazards to arriue at this place; neuer poore goblin was so put to his shifts, to get in, to see

36 Enter Robin Goodfellow. add G
 Ff: no Masque. Re: no Masque? Fz

37 no masque?] no, masque.
 40 No, faith] No. Faith Ff

nothing. So many thornie difficulties as I haue past, deseru'd the best masque : the whole shop of the *Reuells*. I would you would admit some of my feates, but I ha' little 65 hope o' that ifaith, you let me in so hardly.

P L V T. Sir, here's no place for them, nor you. Your rude good fellowship must seeke some other spheare for your admittie.

R O B. Nay, so your stiffe-necked porter told me, at the 70 gate, but not in so good wordes. His staffe spoke somewhat to that boistrous sense : I am sure he concluded all in a nonentry, which made me eene climbe ouer the wall, and in by the wood-yard, so to the tarras, where when I came, I found the okes of the guard more vnmou'd, and one of 'hem, 75 vpon whose arme I hung, shou'd me off o' the ladder, and dropt me downe like an acorne. 'Twas well there was not a sow in the verge, I had beene eaten vp else. Then I heard some talke o' the carpenters way, and I attempted that, but there the wooden rogues let a huge trap-dore fall 80 o' my head. If I had not beene a spirit, I had beene mazarded. Though I confesse I am none of those subtile ones, that can creepe through at a key-hole, or the crackt pane of a windore. I must come in at a dore, which made me once thinke of a trunke ; but that I would not imitate so Catho- 85 lique a cockscombe as C O R Y A T, and make a case : vses. Therefore I tooke another course. I watch'd what kind of persons the dore most open'd to, and one of their shapes I would belie to get in with. First, I came with authoritie, and said, I was an ingineer, and belong'd to the motions. 90 They ask'd me if I were the fighting beare of last yeere, and laught me out of that, and said, the motions were ceas'd. Then I tooke another figure, of an old tyre-woman : but tyr'd vnder that too, for none of the *masquers* would take note of me, the marke was out of my mouth. Then I pre- 95 tended to be a musician, mary, I could not shew mine instrument, and that bred a discord. Now, there was nothing

69 admittie] *Query*, actiuitie 73 me] me, *Ff* 80 trap-dore] trap dore
Fr 82 mazarded] amazed *Re* 86 CORYAT,] CORYAT. *F2* and . . . vses.
om. *F2*, *F3*, *W* : and make a case of asses. *G. conj.* The text is corrupt.

left for me that I could presently thinke on, but a feather-
 maker of *black-fryers*, and in that shape I told 'hem, Surely,
 100 I must come in, let it be opened vnto me : but they all
 made as light of mee, as of my feathers ; and wonder'd how
 I could be a *Puritane*, being of so vaine a vocation. I
 answer'd, We all are *masquers* sometimes : with which they
 knock'd *hypocrisie* o' the pate, and made roome for a bom-
 105 bard man, that brought bouge for a countrey lady or two,
 that fainted, he said, with fasting, for the fine sight since
 seuen a clock i' the morning. O how it grieu'd me, that I was
 preuented o' that shape, and had not touch'd on it in time.
 It lik'd me so well. But I thought I would offer at it yet.
 110 Mary before I could procure my properties, alarum came,
 that some o' the whimlen's <had> had too much ; and one
 shew'd how fruitfully they had watered his head, as hee
 stood vnder the grices ; and another came out complaining
 of a cataract, shot into his eyes, by a planet, as hee was
 115 starre-gazing. There was that deuce defeated. By this
 time I saw a fine citizens wife, or two, let in ; and that figure
 prouok'd mee exceedingly to take it : which I had no sooner
 done, but one o' the *Black-guard* had his hand in my vestrie,
 and was groping of me as nimbly as the *Christmas* cut-
 120 purse. He thought he might be bold with me, because I
 had not a husband in sight to squeake to. I was glad to
 forgoe my forme, to be rid of his hot steeming affection, it
 so smelt o' the boyling-house. Fortie other deuices I had,
 of *Wyre-men*, and the *Chandry*, and I know not what else :
 125 but all succeeded alike. I offered money too, but that could
 not be done so priuately, as it durst be taken, for the danger
 of an example. At last, a troope of strangers came to the
 doore ; with whome I made my selfe sure to enter : but
 before I could mixe, they were all let in, and I left alone,
 130 without, for want of an interpreter. Which, when I was
 faine to be to my selfe, a *Colossus* <o'> the companie told me,

103 all are] are all F3 111 had Editor 114 cataract F2 :
 cateract Fr 131 a *Colossus* o' the companie] a *Colossus*, the companie
 Fr : as a *Colossus*, Re : a *Colossus* of the company W

I had *English* enough to carrie me to bed ; with which, all the other statues of flesh laugh'd. Neuer, till then, did I know the want of a hooke, and a piece of beefe, to haue baited three or foure o' those goodly wide-mouthes with. 135
In this despaire, when all inuention, and translation too, fayl'd me, I eene went backe, and stucke to this shape you see me in, of mine owne, with my broome, and my candles, and came on confidently, giuing out, I was a part o' the deuice : At which, though they had little to doe with wit ; 140
yet, because some on't might be vs'd here to night, contrarie to their knowledge, they thought it fit, way should be made for me ; and, as it falls out, to small purpose.

P L V T. Iust as much as you are fit for. Away, idle spirit ; and thou, the idle cause of his aduentring hither, vanish with 145
him. 'Tis thou, that art not only the sower of vanities, in these high places, but the call of all other light follies to fall, and feed on them. I will endure thy prodigalitie, nor riots no more ; they are the ruine of states. Nor shall the tyrannie of these nights, hereafter impose a necessitie vpon me, of enter- 150
taining thee. Let 'hem embrace more frugall pastimes. Why should not the thriftie and right worshipfull game of *Post and payre* content 'hem ? Or the wittie inuention of *Noddie*, for *counters* ? or *God make them rich*, at the Tables ? but Masking, and Reuelling ? Were not these Ladies, and their 155
gentlewomen more houswifely employ'd, a dozen of 'hem to a light, or twentie (the more the merrier) to saue charges, i' their chambers, at home, and their old night-gownes, at *Draw-gloues*, *Riddles*, *Dreames*, and other prettie *Purposes*, rather then to wake here, in their flaunting wyres, and tyres, 160
lac'd gownes, embroydred petti-coats, and other taken-vp braueries ? Away, I will no more of these superfluous excesses. They are these make me heare so ill, both in towne and countrey, as I doe : which, if they continue, I shall be the first shall leaue 'hem. 165

M A S Q. Either I am verie stupid, or this a reformed C V P I D.

144 Away,] Away F1 149 ruine] ruines Re 153 and payre] and payre F1 159 Dreames] Dieames Re 162 braueries ?] braueries. F1

R O B. How? do's any take this for C V P I D? the *Loue in Court?*

M A S Q. Yes, is't not hee?

- 170 R O B. Nay then, we spirits (I see) are subtler yet, and somewhat better discoverers. No; it is not he, nor his brother A N T I - C V P I D, the *loue of vertue*, though he pretend to it with his phrase and face: 'Tis that Impostor P L V T V S, the god of *money*, who ha's stolne L O V E's
175 ensignes; and in his belyed figure, raignes <i>'</i> the world, making friendships, contracts, mariages, and almost religion; begetting, breeding, and holding the neerest respects of mankind; and vsurping all those offices in this Age of gold, which L O V E himselfe perform'd in the golden age.
180 'Tis he, that pretends to tie kingdoms, maintaine commerce, dispose of honors, make all places and dignities arbitrarie from him: euen to the verie countrey, where L O V E's name cannot be ras'd out, he ha's yet gain'd there vpon him, by a prouerbe, insinuating his preeminence, *Not for loue, or*
185 *money*. There L O V E liues confin'd, by his tyrannie, to a cold Region, wrapt vp in furies like a *Muscovite*, and almost frozen to death: while he, in his enforced shape, and with his rauish'd Armes, walkes as if he were to set bounds, and giue lawes to destinie. 'Tis you, mortalls, that are fooles;
190 and worthie to be such, that worship him: for if you had wisdom, he had no godhead. He should stinke in the graue with those wretches, whose slaue he was. Contemne him, and he is one. Come, follow me. Ile bring you where you shall find L O V E, and by the vertue of this Maiestie, who
195 proiecteth so powerfull beames of light and heat through this Hemisphere, thaw his icie fetters, and scatter the darknesse that obscures him. Then, in despite of this insolent and barbarous *Mammon*, your sports may proceed, and the solemnities of the night be complete, without de-
200 pending on so earthie an idoll.

168 *Court ?] Court. Fr* 175 raignes i' the world, *Editor*: raignes; the world *Fr*: rules the world, 1716, *W, G* 184 insinuating his pre-eminence *om.* 1716, *W, G*

P L V T. I, doe ; attempt it : 'Tis like to find most neces-
sarie and fortunate euent, whatsoeuer is enterpris'd with-
out my aides. Alas ! how bitterly the spirit of *Pouertie*
spouts it selfe against my weale, and felicitie ! but I feele
it not. I cherish and make much of my selfe, flow forth in 205
ease, and delicacie, while that murmures, and starues.

Enter CVPID, in his Chariot, guarded *with the*
MASQVERS.

S O N G.

O, How came L o v E, that is himselfe a fire, 210
to be so cold !

Yes, tyran Money quencheth all desire,
or makes it old.

But here are beauties will reuiue

L o v E s youth, and keepe his heat aliue : 215

As often as his Torch here dies,

He needs but light it at fresh eies.

Ioy, joy, the more : for in all Courts,

If L o v E be cold, so are his sports.

C V P I D.

220

I haue my spirits againe, and feele my limmes.

Away with this cold cloud, that dimmes

My light. Lie there my furies, and charmes,

L o v E feeles a heat, that inward warmes,

And guards him naked, in these places, 225

As at his birth, or 'mongst the Graces.

Impostor *Mammon*, come, resigne

This bow and quiuer ; they are mine.

Thou hast too long vsurp'd my rites,

I now am Lord of mine owne nights. 230

Be gone, whil'st yet I giue thee leaue.

When, thus, the world thou wilt deceiue,

Thou canst in youth and beautie shine,

Belye a godheads forme diuine,

208 MASQVERS] *Masquers, in number ten G* 210 O, om. W 217
needs] need F2 225 Graces F2: graces F1

- 235 Scatter thy gifts, and flye to those,
 Where thine owne humor may dispose :
 But when to good men thou art sent,
 By I o v e's direct commandement,
 Thou, then, art aged, lame, and blind,
 240 And canst nor path, nor persons find.
 Go, honest spirit, chase him hence,
 T<o>'his caues ; and there let him dispençe,
 For *murders, treasons, rapes*, his bribes
 Vnto the discontented tribes ;
 245 Where, let his heapes grow daily lesse,
 And he, and they, still want successe.
 The Maiestie, that here doth moue,
 Shall triumph, more secur'd by loue,
 Then all his earth ; and neuer craue
 250 His aides, but force him as a slaue.
 To those bright beames I owe my life,
 And I will pay it, in the strife
 Of dutie backe. See, here are ten,
 The spirits of Court, and flower of men,
 255 Led on by me, with flam'd intents,
 To figure the ten ornaments,
 That do each courtly presence grace.
 Nor will they rudely striue for place,
 One to precede the other ; but,
 260 As *musique* them in forme shall put,
 So will they keep their measures true,
 And make still their proportions new,
 Till all become one *harmonie*,
 Of *honor*, and of *courtesie*,
 265 True *valure*, and *urbanitie*,
 Of *confidence*, *alacritie*,
 Of *promptnesse*, and of *industrie*,
Habilitie, *Realitie*.
 Nor shall those graces euer quit your Court :
 270 Or I be wanting to supply their sport.
 254 Court] courts W 263 become] be come Ff

DAVNCS.

S O N G.

THis motion was of loue begot,
 It was so ayrie, light, and good,
 His wings into their feet he shot, 275
 Or else himselfe into their bloud.
 But aske not how. The end will proue,
 That loue 's in them, or they'are in loue.

S O N G.

HAue men beheld the Graces daunce, 280
 Or seene the vpper Orbes to moue ?
 So these did turne, returne, aduance,
 Drawne backe by doubt, put on by loue.
 And now, like earth, themselues they fixe,
 Till greater powers vouchsafe to mixe 285
 Their motions with them. Doe not feare,
 You brighter planets of this spheare :
 Not one male heart you see,
 But rather to his female eyes
 Would die a destin'd sacrifice, 290
 Then liue at home, and free.

S O N G.

Gloue end vnto thy pastimes, L O V E,
 Before they labors proue :
 A little rest betweene, 295
 Will make thy next showes better seene.
 Now let them close their eyes, and see
 If they can dreame of thee,
 Since morning hasts to come in view,
 And all the morning dreames are true. 300

271 DAVNCES.] *Here the first dance.* G After 278 *Second dance.*
 G 286 feare,] feare *Fr* After 291 *Third dance.* G

A CHALLENGE AT TILT

THE TEXT

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A Challenge at Tilt, at a Marriage.

Two CVPIDS striuing the day after the Marriage.

I.

IT is my right, and I will haue it.

2. By what law or necessitie ? pray you come back.

1. I serue the man, and the nobler creature.

2. But I the woman, and the purer ; and therefore the 5
worthier : because you are a handfull aboue mee, doe you
thinke to get a foot afore mee, sir ? No, I appeale to you
ladies.

1. You are too rude, boy, in this presence.

2. That cannot put modestie into me, to make me come 10
behind you though, I will stand for mine inches with you,
as peremptorie as an Ambassador ; ladies, your soueraign-
ties are concern'd in me, I am the wiues page.

1. And I the husbands.

2. How !

15

1. Ha !

2. One of vs must breake the wonder, and therefore, I
that haue best cause to be assur'd of mine owne truth,
demand of thee, by what magick thou wear'st my ensignes ?
or hast put on my person ? 20

1. Beware, yong ladies, of this impostor : and mothers,
looke to your daughters and neeces : A false C V P I D is
abroad : it is I that am the true, who to doe these glad
solemnities their proper rites, haue beene contented (not
to put off, but) to conceale my deitie, and in this habit of 25
a seruant, to attend him, who was yesterday the happy
*Bridegroom*e, in the complement of his nuptials, to make all
his endeouours, and actions more gracious and louely.

2. He tells my tale ; he tells my tale : and pretends to
my act. It was I, that did this for the *Bride* : I am the 30
true loue, and both this figure, and those armes, are vsurp'd

7 sir ?] sir : Ff
assur'd, Fr

11 though,] though ; F2

18 assur'd]

by most vnlawfull power : Can you not perceiue it ? Doe I not looke liker a C V P I D then he ? am I not more a child ? Ladies, haue none of you a picture of me in your
 35 bosome ? is the remembrance of loue banish'd your brests ? Sure, they are these garments that estrange me to you ! If I were naked, you would know me better : No relique of loue left, in an old bosome here ? what should I doe ?

1. My little shaddow is turn'd furious.

40 2. What can I turne other, then a *Furie* it selfe, to see thy impudence ? If I be a shaddow, what is substance ? was it not I that yester-night wayted on the *Bride*, into the nuptiall chamber, and against the *Bride-groome* came, made her the throne of loue ? Had I not lighted my torches in her
 45 eyes ? Planted my mothers roses in her cheekes ? were not her eye-browes bent to the fashion of my bow ? and her lookes ready to be loos'd thence, like my shafts ? Had I not rip'ned kisses on her lips, fit for a M E R C V R Y to gather ? and made her language sweeter then his vpon her
 50 tongue ? was not the girdle about her, he was to vntie, my mothers ? wherein all the ioyes and delights of loue, were wouen.

1. And did not I bring on the blushing *Bride-groome*, to taste those ioyes ? and made him thinke all stay a torment ?
 55 did I not shoot my selfe, into him, like a flame ? and made his desires and his graces equall ? were not his lookes of power, to haue kept the night aliue in contention with day, and made the morning neuer wish'd for ? was there a curle in his haire, that I did not sport in ? or a ring of it crisp'd,
 60 that might not haue become I V N O S fingers ? His very vndressing was it not loues arming ? did not all his kisses charge ? and euery touch attempt ? but, his wordes, were they not feathered from my wings ? and flue in singing at her eares, like arrowes tipt with gold ?

65 2. Hers, hers did so into his : and all his vertue was borrowed from my powers in her ; as thy forme is from me.

41 substance ? F2 : substance ; F1
 F1 48 rip'ned] ripned F1

46 eye-browes] eye browes

But, that this royall and honor'd assembly be no longer troubled with our contention : behold, I challenge thee of falshood ; and will bring vpon the first day of the new yeere, into the lists, before this palace, ten knights arm'd ; who shall vnder-take against all assertion, that only I am the child of MARS and VENVS : and, in the honor of that ladie (whom it is my ambition to serue) that, that loue is the most true and perfect, that still waiteth on the woman, and is the seruant of that sexe. 75

1. But, what gage giues my confident counterfeit of this ?

2. My bow and quiuer, or what else I can make.

1. I take only them ; and in exchange giue mine, to answere, and punish this thy rashnesse, at thy time assign'd, by a iust number of knights, who, by their vertue, shall maintayne me, to bee the right CVPID ; and the true issue of valure and beautie : and that no loue can come neere either truth or perfection, but what is manly, and deriues his proper dignitie from thence. 80

2. It is agreed.

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1. In the meanetime, ladies, suspend your censures, which is the right : and to entertayne your thoughts, till the day, may the court hourelly present you, with delicate and fresh obiects, to beget on you, prettie and pleasing fancies : may you feed on pure meats, easie of concoction, and drinke that will quickly turne into bloud, to make your dreames the cleerer, and your imaginations the finer. 90

So they departed.

On new-yeeres-day, he that before is numbred the second CVPID, came now the first, with his ten Knights, attyr'd in the Brid<e>s colours, and lighting from his chariot, spake. 95

NOW, ladies, to glad your aspects once againe, with the sight of loue, and make a *Spring* smile i' your faces, which must haue look'd like *Winter* without me ; behold me, not like a seruant now, but a *Champion*, and in my true 100

70 lists, F2 : lists ; F1
the] I am a 1716, W, G

arm'd ;] arm'd, F1
96 Brides F2

71 only I am

figure, as I vse to reigne and reuell in your fancies, tickling
 your soft eares with my feathers, and laying little strawes
 about your hearts, to kindle bone-fires, shall flame out at
 your eies ; playing in your blouds, like fishes in a streame,
 105 or diuing like the *boyes* i' the *Bath*, and then rising on end,
 like a *Monarch*, and treading humour like water, bending
 those stiffe pickardills of yours, vnder this yoke, my bow,
 or, if they would not bend, whipping your rebellious var-
 dingales, with my bow-string, and made 'hem run vp into
 110 your wastes (they haue lyen so flat) for feare of my indigna-
 tion : what ! Is C V P I D of no name with you ? haue I lost
 all reputation (or what is lesse, opinion) by once putting off
 my deitie ? Because I was a Page at this solemnitie, and
 would modestly serue one, for the honor of you all : am I
 115 therefore dishonor'd by all ? and lost in my value so, that
 euery iuggler, that can purchase him a paire of wings, and
 a quiuer, is committed with me in balance ? and contends
 with me for soueraigntie ? well, I will chastice you, ladies,
 beleuee it, you shall feele my displeasure for this ; and I
 120 will be mightie in it : Thinke not to haue those accesses to
 me you were wont, you shall wait foure of those galleries off,
 and sixe chambers for me ; ten dores lock'd betweene you
 and me hereafter, and I will allow none of you a key :
 when I come abroad, you shall petition me, and I will not
 125 heare you ; kneele, I will not regard you ; I will passe by
 like a man of businesse, and not see you, and I will haue no
 master of requests for you. There shall not the greatest
 pretender, to a state-face, liuing, put on a more supercilious
 looke then I will doe vpon you. Trust me : Ha ! what's
 130 this ?

The other C V P I D enters with his companie.

O, Are you here, sir ? you haue got the start of me now,
 by being *Chalenger*, and so the precedency, you thinke ?
 I see you are resolu'd to trie your title by armes then ? you

101 vse] used *W* fancies] faces *F2* 107 yoke,] yoke *Fr* 131 *The*
 . . . companie] Enter 2 Cupid, with his company of ten Knights. *G*

will stand to be the right C V P I D still? how now! what 135
ailes you? that you answere not? Are you turn'd a
statue vpon my appearance? or did you hope I would not
appeare, and that hope ha's deceiu'd you?

1. Art thou still so impudent, to belie my figure? that
in what shape soeuer, I present my selfe, thou wilt seeme 140
to be the same? Not so much as my chariot, but resembled
by thee? and both the Doues and Swannes, I haue bor-
rowed of my mother, to draw it? the verie number of my
companions emulated? and almost their habites? what
insolence is this? 145

2. Good little-one, quarrell not, you haue now put your
selfe vpon others valure, not your owne, and you must know
you can bring no person hither, to strengthen your side,
but wee can produce an equall. Be it P E R S W A S I O N,
you haue got there, the peculiar *Enchantresse* of your *Sexe*; 150
behold, wee haue M E R C V R Y here to charme against her,
who giues all louers their true and masculine eloquence;
or are they the G R A C E S, you presume on (your knowne
Clients) S P R I N G, B E A V T Y, and C H E E R E F V L -
N E S S E: Here are Y O U T H, A V D A C I T Y, and F A V O V R, 155
to encounter them, three more manly perfections, and much
more powerfull in working for loue: child, you are all the
wayes of winning too weake, there is no thinking, either
with your honour, or discretion kept safe, to continue on
a strife, wherein, you are already vanquished, yeeld, be 160
penitent, early, and confesse it.

1. I will breake my bow and quiver into dust first (restore
mee mine owne armes) or be torne in pieces with *harpies*,
marry one of the *furies*; turne into *Chaos* againe, and dis-
solue the harmonie of nature. 165

2. O, most stiffely spoken! and fit for the sexe you stand
for! well, giue the signe then: let the Trumpets sound,
and vpon the valure, and fortune of your champions, put
the right of your cause.

1. 'Tis done. 170

THE TILTING.

After, the second C V P I D.

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175 **N**OW sir, you haue got mightily by this contention, and
aduanc'd your cause, to a most high degree of estima-
tion with these *spectators*? Ha' you not?

1. Why, what haue you done, or wonne?

2. It is enough for me, (who was cal'd out to this triall)
that I haue not lost, or that my side is not vanquish'd.

180

Enters H Y M E N to them.

H Y M E N.

COME, you must yeeld both: this is neither contention
for you, nor time, fit to contend: there is another kinde
of Tilting would become loue better then this; to meete
185 lips for lances; and cracke kisses in stead of stauess:
which, there is no beautie here, I presume, so yong, but can
fancie, nor so tender, but would venter: Here is the palme
for which you must striue: which of you wins this bough,
is the right and best C V P I D; and whilst you are striuing,
190 let H Y M E N, the *president* of these solemnities, tell you
something of your owne storie, and what yet you know not
of your selues: you are both true C V P I D S, and both the
sonnes of V E N V S by M A R S, but this the first-borne, &
was called E R O S: who vpon his birth prou'd a child of
195 excellent beautie, & right worthie his mother; but after,
his growth not answering his forme, not onely V E N V S,
but the *Graces*, who nurs'd him, became extremely solici-
tous for him: and were impeld out of their grieve and care,
to consult the *oracle* about him: T H E M I S (for A P O L L O
200 was not yet of yeres) gaue answer there wanted nothing
to his perfection, but that they had not enough consider'd,
or look'd into the nature of the infant, which indeed was

172 After,] After *Fr* After ... C V P I D] After which: G 176 Ha'
F2: Ha *Fr* 178 to] of *F2* 195 after,] after *Ff* 199 A P O L L O]
A P O L L O, *Ff* 201 his] this *F2*

desirous of a companion only ; for though loue, and the true, might bee borne of V E N V S single and alone, yet he could not thriue and encrease alone. Therefore if shee 205 affected his growth, V E N V S must bring forth a brother to him, and name him A N T E R O S : that with reciprocall affection, might pay the exchange of loue. This made, that thou wert borne her second birth. Since when, your natures are, that either of you, looking vpon other, thriue, 210 and by your mutuall respects and interchange of ardor, flourish and prosper ; whereas if the one be deficient or wanting to the other, it fares worse with both : This is the loue, that *Hymen* requires, without which no marriage is happie : when the contention is not, who is the true loue, 215 but (beeing both true) who loues most ; cleauing the bough betweene you, and diuiding the Palme ; This is a strife, wherein you both winne, and begets a concord worthy all married mindes emulation, when the louer transformes himselfe into the person of his belou'd, as you two doe now ; By 220 whose example, let your Knights (all honourable friends and seruants of loue) affect the like peace, and depart the lists equall in their friendships for euer, as to day they haue bene in their fortunes. And may this royall court neuer know more difference in humours ; or these well-grac'd 225 nuptials more discord in affections, then what they presently feele, and may euer auoid.

I. 2.

To this L O V E sayes Amen.

209 when, *F2* : when *F1*
well-grac'd] well grac'd *F1*

217 diuiding] deuiding *F1*

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THE IRISH MASQUE AT COURT

THE TEXT

First printed in the Folio of 1616 on signatures P p p p 2 verso to 4 verso, pages 1000-4. The printing of the burlesque Anglo-Irish jargon is very bad: we have tried to correct it on its own lines. The printer, as might be expected, gives both 'ant' and 'and', 'hant' and 'hand', 've' and 'we', 'shpeake' and 'speake', 'goot' and 'good', 'maystersh' and 'mayshters', 'shave' and 'save', 'shpend' and 'spend'. In line 121 we have left 'Pray' for the usual 'Pre', as this may have been a slip of Jonson's. There is also an inconsistent use of 'hem' and 't'em', but as 'hem' is not a printer's form of the pronoun, we think this also to be from Jonson. In lines 105-6 'And vil runne . . . ouer te bog, and te Bannoke', 'Bannoke' is probably the Irish *bancán*, a bank in a field: we have adopted Sir E. K. Chambers's conjecture 'Banncke'. If we could credit Jonson with any knowledge of Irish, we might spell it 'Bankone'; but the only genuine Irish words he uses are 'garranes' (misspelt 'garraues' in l. 75), 'bonny clabbe' and 'vsquebagh' (ll. 87, 88). 'Fadow' in line 83 is a dance, but nothing appears to be known of the word.

THE IRISH MASQVE AT COVRT, BY GENTLEMEN THE KINGS SERVANTS.

*The King being set in expectation, out ranne a fellow attir'd
like a cittizen : after him, three or foure foote-men.*

DENNISE. DONNELL. DERMOCK. PATRICK.

FOR chreeshes sayk, phair ish te king? Phich ish hee,
an't be? show me te shweet faish, quickly. By got, o'
my consence, tish ish he! Ant tou bee king YAMISH,
me name is DENNISH, I sherue ti mayesties owne cashter-
monger, bee mee trote : ant cry peep'sh, ant pomwater'sh 5
i' ty mayesties sheruice, 'tis fue yeere now. An't tou vilt
not trush me now, cal vp ti clarke o' ti kitchin, be ant be,
shall giue hish wort, vpon hish booke, ish true.

DON. Ish it te fashion, to beate te Imbasheters, here?
ant knoke 'hem o' te heads, phit te phoit stick? 10

DER. Ant make ter meshage runne out at ter mouthsh,
before tey shpeake vit te King?

DEN. Peash DERMOCK, here ish te king.

DER. Phair ish te King?

DON. Phich ish te king? 15

DEN. Tat ish te king.

DER. Ish tat te king? got blesh him.

DEN. Peash, ant take heet, vat tou shaysht, man.

DER. Creesh blesh him, I shay. Phat reason I tayk
heet, for tat? 20

DON. Cre(e)sh blesh ti shweet faish, king YAMISH; ant
my mistresh faish too : Pre tee, heare me now. I am come
a great vay of miles to shee tee now, by my fayt and trote,
and graish o' got.

DEN. Phat ish ti meaning o' tish, DONNELL? 25
Didsh tou not shay a gotsh name, I should tell ti tayle for

DENNISE] DENNISSE F2 5 ant... ant] and... and Ff (so 21) 6 i' ty]
i'th F2: in ti G 'tis] tis Fr An't] Ant, Ff 9 Ish it] Ishit F2 10 ant]
and F2 (so 18) 11 mouthsh] mothsh F2 12 King?] King. Fr
16 DEN. F2: DON. Fr 19 him,] him Fr 21 Creesh W

tee ? ant entrayt me com to te court, ant leaue me vare at shixe, ant seuen ? By got, ish true now.

D O N. Yesh. But I tanke got I can tell my tayle my
30 shelve, now I be here, I varrant tee : Pre dee heare me, king
Y A M I S H.

D E N. Pre dee heare me, king Y A M I S H. I can tell
tee better ten he.

P A T. Pre dee heare neder noder on 'hem : Here'sh
35 D E R M O C K vill shpeake better ten eder oder on 'hem.

D E R. No fayt, shweet hart, tow lyesht. P H A T R I C K
here ish te vesht man of hish tongue, of all de foure ; pre
tee now heare him.

P A T. By chreesh shaue me, tow lyesht. I haue te vorsht
40 tongue in te company at t[h]y sheruish. Vill shome body
shpeake ?

D O N. By my fayt, I vill not.

D E R. By my goships hant, I vill not.

P A T. S(h)peake D E N N I S H ten.

45 D E N. If I s(h)peake, te diuell tayke me. I vill giue tee
leaue to cram my mout phit shamrokes ant butter, ant
vayter creshes, in stead of pearsh ant peepsh.

P A T. If no body vill shpeake, I vill shpeake. Pleash ty
shweet faish, vee come from Ireland.

50 D E R. Vee be Irish men, and't pleash tee.

D O N. Ty good shubshects of Ireland, an't pleash ty
mayesty.

D E N. Of Connough, Leymster, Vlster, Munster. I mine
one shelve vash borne in te English payle, an't pleash ty
55 Mayesty.

P A T. Sacrament o' chreesh, tell ty tale, ty shelve, an't
be all tree.

D E N. An't pleash ty graish, I vill tell tee, Tere vash a

27 me] my *F2* 29 tanke] thanke *F2* 30 varrant] warrant
F2 (so 42) me, *F1* (so 32, 39) 36 fayt, ... hart,] fayt ... hart *F1*
PHATRICK] PATRICK *F2* 42 fayt,] fayt *F1* 43 hant,] hand *Ff* 46
mout] mouth *F2* ant ... ant] and ... and *Ff* 47 creshes,] creshes *F1*
ant] and *F1* 49 faish,] faish *F1* 49, 50 vee ... Vee] wee ... Wee *F1*
50 men,] men *F1* 51, 54, 56 an't] and *Ff* 54 te] the *F2* payle,]
payle *F1* 58 An't] And *Ff* graish,] graish *F1*

great newesh in Ireland of a great Brideall of one o' ty lords
here, an't be. 60

P A T. Ty man Robyne, tey shay.

D O N. Mary ty man Toumaish, hish daughter, tey shay.

D E R. I, ty good man, Toumaish, o' shuffolke.

D O N. He knoke vsh o' te payt here ash ve come by, by a
goot token. 65

D E R. I fayt tere ish very mush phoyt stick here stirring
to night. Hee takes vsh for no shquires, I tinke.

P A T. No, he tinksh not ve be Imbasheters.

D O N. No fayt, I tinke sho too. But tish Marriage bring
ouer a doshen of our besht Mayshters, to be merry, prhete 70
shweet faish, and't be; ant daunsh a fading at te vedding.

D E N. But tey vere leeke to daunsh naked, an't pleash
ty mayesty; for te villanous vild Irish sheas haue casht
away all ter fine cloysh, as many ash cosht a towsand coves,
and garranes, I varrant tee. 75

D E R. Ant te prishe of a Cashtell or two vpon teyr backs.

D O N. Ant tey tel ty mayesty, tey haue ner a great fish
now, nor a sheamoynshter to shaue teyr cloysh alieue now.

P A T. Nor a deuoish vit a clowd to fesh 'hem out o' te
bottome o' te vayter. 80

D E R. But tey musht eene come ant daunch i' teyr
mantels now; ant show tee how tey can foot te fading ant
te fadow, ant te phip a dunboyne, I trow.

D O N. I pre dee now, let not ty sweet-faysht ladies make
a mocke on 'hem, ant scorne to daunsh vit 'hem now, 85
becash tey be poore.

P A T. Tey drinke no bonny clabbe, i' fayt, now.

D O N. It ish better ten vsquebagh to daunsh vit,
P H A T R I C K.

60 here,] here *F* an't] ant *Fr* 64 ve] we *Ff* 65 goot] good *Ff* 67
shquires,] shquires *Fr* 69 fayt,] fayt *Fr* 70 merry,] merry *Fr*
prhete:] perht tee *Ff* 71 and't] andt *Fr* ant] and *Ff* (so 81, 83, 85)
72 an't] ant *Fr*: and *F2* 75 garranes, *Editor*: garraues *Fr* 76, 77
Ant] And *Ff* 82 ant . . . ant] and . . . and *Ff* 83 fadow] *The word*
is doubtful a dunboyne,] adunboyne *Fr*: a' Dunboyne *G* 84 sweet-
faysht] sweet faysht *Fr* 85 now,] *F2*: now *Fr* 88 vit, *G*: vit *Ff*
89 PHATRICK] PATRICK *F2*

- 90 P A T. By my faters hant, tey vill daunsh very vell.
 D E R. I, by St. P A T R I C K vill tey ; for tey be nimble men.
 D E N. Ant vill leape ash light, be creesh s(h) aue me, ash he tat veares te biggesht fether in ty court, king Y A M I S H.
- 95 D E R. For all tey haue no goot vindsh to blow tem heter, nor elementsh to presherue 'hem.
 D O N. Nor all te foure cornersh o' te world, to creepe out on.
 P A T. But tine owne Kingdomes.
- 100 D O N. Tey be honesh men.
 P A T. Ant goot men : tine owne shubshechts.
 D E R. Tou hasht very goot shubshechts in Ireland.
 D E N. A great goot many, o' great goot shubshechts.
 D O N. Tat loue ty mayesty heartily.
- 105 D E N. Ant vil runne t'rough fire, ant vater for tee, ouer te bog, ant te Banncke, be te graish o' got, and graish o' king.
 D E R. By got, tey vil fight for tee, king Y A M I S H, ant for my mistresh tere.
- 110 D E N. Ant my little mayshter.
 P A T. Ant te vfrow, ty daughter, t[h]at is in Tuchland.
 D O N. Tey vill s(h)pend ter heart, in ter belly for tee, as vell as ter legs, in ter heelsh.
 D E R. By creesh, tey vill shpend all teyr cowesh for tee.
- 115 D E N. Pretee make mush on t'em.
 P A T. Pretee, sweet faysh, doe.
 D O N. Be not angry vit te honesh<t> men, for te few rebelsh, & knauesh.
 P A T. Nor beleue no tayles, king Y A M I S H.
- 120 D E R. For, by got, tey loue tee in Ireland.

90 hant,] hand *Ff* 91 I,] I *Ff* St.] S. *Fa* 93 Ant]
 And *Ff* (so 101, 105, 110, 111) vill *Fa*: will *Fr* 95, 102 goot] good
Ff 103 goot many *Fa*: good many *Fr* 105 DEN.] DER. *Ff*:
 Den. W ant] and *Ff* (so 106, 107) 106 Banncke E. K. Chambers
 conj.: Bannoke *Ff*: query 'Bankone' 107 king.] king, *Fr*
 111 vfrow] ufrow *Fa* tat *Fa* 112 ter belly *Fa*: rer belly *Fr*
 115, 116 Pretee] Pre tee *Fa* 115 t'em.] 'tem, *Fr*: 'tem. *Fa*
 116 faysh,] faysh *Fr*

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D O N. Pray tee, bid 'hem velcome, ant got make 'hem rish for tee.

D E R. Tey vill make tem shelues honeshst.

D E N. Tou hasht not a hundret tousand sush men by my trote. 125

P A T. No, nor forty, by my hant.

D O N. By iustish Delounes hant, not twenty.

D E R. By my Lo. deputish hant, not ten, in all ti great Britayne. Shall I call hem to tee ?

D O N. Tey shit like poore men i' te porsh yonder. 130

P A T. Shtay, te peepe ish come ! harke, harke.

D E R. Let vsh daunsh ten. Daunsh, D E N N I S E.

D E N. By creesh sa' me, I ha' forgot.

D O N. A little till our mayshters be ready.

*Here the Foot-men had a daunce, being sixe men, and sixe 135
boyes, to the bag-pipe, and other rude musique, after
which they had a song, and then they cry'd,*

Peash. Peash. Now roome for our mayshters(h). Roome for our mayshters(h).

*Then the Gentlemen dance forth a dance in their Irish mantles, 140
to a solemne musique of harpes : which done, the foot-
men fell to speake againe, till they were interrupted by
a ciuill gentleman of the nation, who brings in a Bard.*

D E R. How like tow tish, Y A M I S H ? Ant tey had fine cloyshs now, and liueries, like tine owne men, and't bee. 145

D O N. But te rugs make t'em shrug a little.

D E R. Tey haue shit a great phoyle i' te cold, an't bee.

D O N. Isht not pittty te cloysh be drown'd now ?

P A T. Pre tee shee anoter daunsh, ant be not veary.

G E N T. He may be of your rudenesse. Hold your tongues. 150

And let your courser manners seeke some place,

121 Pray tee] Pre tee F2 ant] and Ff (so 149) 126 hant F2 :
hand Ff 128 hant,] hant Ff 130 te F2 : the Ff 131
Shtay,] Shtay Ff ish] i'sh Ff After 'Come!' Bagpipe, etc. enter. G
132 Daunsh,] Daunsh Ff 133 me,] me Ff 144 tow] tou F2 tish,]
tish Ff Ant] And Ff 145 men,] men Ff and't bee] and bee Ff :
an't be G 147 cold, Ff an't bee.] ant bee Ff : and be F2
149 anoter] another F2 daunsh,] daush Ff

- Fit for their wildnesse. This is none, be gone.
 Aduance, immortall Bard, come vp and view
 The gladding face of that great king, in whom
 155 So many prophecies of thine are knit.
 This is that I A M E S of which long since thou sung'st,
 Should end our countreyes most vnnaturall broyles ;
 And if her eare, then deafned with the drum,
 Would stoupe but to the musique of his peace,
 160 Shee need not with the spheares change harmony.
 This is the man thou promis'd should redeeme,
 If she would loue his counsels as his lawes,
 Her head from seruitude, her feete from fall,
 Her fame from barbarisme, her state from want,
 165 And in her all the fruits of blessing plant.
 Sing then some charme, made from his present looks,
 That may assure thy former prophecies,
 And firme the hopes of these obedient spirits,
 Whose loue no lesse, then dutie, hath cald forth
 170 Their willing powers : who, if they had much more,
 Would doe their All, and thinke they could not moue
 Enough to honour that, which he doth loue.

Here the Bard sings to two harpes.

S O N G. I.

- 175 **B**Ow both your heads at once, and hearts :
 Obedience doth not well in parts.
 It is but standing in his eye,
 You'll feele your selues chang'd by and by,
 Few liue, that know, how quick a spring
 180 Workes in the presence of a king :
 'Tis done by this ; your slough let fall,
 And come forth new-borne creatures all.

154 gladding *F2* : glad, ding, *Fr*
F2 redeeme, *F2* : redeeme : *Fr*
 duty, *F2* 170 who,] who *Fr*

161 promis'd] promis'dst
 169 dutie,] dutie *Fr* :
 181 'Tis *F2* : 'Tis *Fr*

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In this song, the Masquers let fall their mantles ; and discover their masquing apparell. Then dance forth.

After the dance the Bard sing(s) this. 185

SONG. 2.

SO breakes the sunne earths rugged chaines,
Wherein rude winter bound her vaines ;
So growes both streame and source of price,
That lately fetterd were with ice. 190
So naked trees get crisped heads,
And cullord coates the roughest meads,
And all get vigour, youth, and spright,
That are but look'd on by his light.

183, 184 *Printed in italic in F2, in roman in F1* 183 discover]
discoverd F2. 185 *sings F2*

**MERCURY VINDICATED FROM
THE ALCHEMISTS AT COURT**

THE TEXT

First printed in the Folio of 1616 on signatures P p p p 4 verso to Q q q q 1 recto, pages 1004-9. In this Folio the title is

MERCVRIE VINDICATED FROM THE ALCHEMISTS AT COVRT BY

Gentlemen the Kings Seruants.

But in the Folio of 1640 we have

MERCURIE VINDICATED FROM THE ALCHYMISTS, AT COURT,

By Gentlemen, the KINGS Servants.

The former seems to vindicate the god from the ' Alchemists at Court ' ; the latter implies a performance ' at Court ' by the King's men. But the text of the masque deals with the practice of alchemy below stairs at Court (especially in lines 68-104), and the King's men certainly did not vindicate Mercury. We therefore print the title *Mercury Vindicated from the Alchemists at Court, by Gentlemen the King's Servants*, adopting the 1616 Folio punctuation of the title of the preceding masque *The Irish Masque at Court, by Gentlemen the King's Servants*.

One passage of this masque has a belated correction. In lines 83-7 the Folio read originally, ' For the *Pantry*, they . . . keepe a Tally, An Ingot, a loafe, or a wedge of some fiue pound weight, which is *nothing* of nothing, a trifle. And so the Blacke guard are pleased with *a any* lease of life (for some 999.) . . . ' Two large-paper copies, the Grenville copy in the British Museum and a copy belonging to the Editors, correct the first sentence to ' which is *a thing* of nothing, a trifle ' ; and the second sentence to ' pleased with *a toy*, *a* lease of life '. The misprint ' a any lease ' is so atrocious that it must have pulled up the printer or the corrector and made them look up the author's manuscript.

MERCVRIE VINDICATED FROM THE ALCHEMISTS AT COVRT,

By Gentlemen the Kings Seruants.

After the lowd musique, the Scene discouered ; being a laboratory, or Alchymists workehouse : Vulcan looking to the Registers, while a Cyclope, tending the fire, to the Cornets began to sing.

C Y C L O P E.

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S Oft, subtile fire, thou soule of art,
Now doe thy part
On weaker Nature, that through age is lamed.
Take but thy time, now she is old,
And the Sunne her friend growne cold, 10
She will no more, in strife with thee be named.

Looke, but how few confesse her now,
In cheeke or browe !
From euery head, almost, how she is frighted !
The very age abhorres her so, 15
That it learnes to speake and goe
As if by art alone it could be righted.

The Song ended, Mercurie appeared, thrusting out his head, and afterward his body, at the Tunnell of the middle furnace ; which Vulcan espying, cryed out to the Cyclope. 20

V V L C A N.

S Tay, see ! our *Mercury* is comming forth ; Art and all the Elements assist. Call forth our *Philosophers*. He will bee gon, he will euaporate. Deare *Mercury* ! Helpe.

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- 25 He flies. He is scap'd. Precious golden *Mercury*, be fixt ;
be not so volatile. Will none of the Sonnes of Art appeare ?

*In which time Mercurie hauing run once or twice about the
roome, takes breath, and speakes.*

MERCURY.

- 30 **N**OW the place and goodnesse of it protect me. One
tender-hearted creature, or other, saue *Mercury*, and
free him. Ne're an olde Gentle-woman i' the house, that
has a wrinkle about her, to hide mee in ? I could run into
a Seruing-womans pocket now ; her gloue, any little hole.
35 Some mercifull vardingale among so many, be bounteous,
and vndertake me : I will stand, close, vp, any where, to
escape this polt-footed *Philosopher*, old *Smug* here of *Lemnos*,
and his smoaky familie. Has he giuen mee time to breathe ?
Ô the variety of torment, that I haue endur'd in the reigne
40 of the *Cyclops*, beyond the most exquisite wit of *Tyrannes*.
The whole houshold of 'hem are become *Alchymists* (since
their trade of armour-making fail'd them) onely to keepe
themselues in fire, for this winter ; for the mischief of <a>
Secret, that they know, aboue the consuming of coales and
45 drawing of *Vskabah*. Howsoever they may pretend vnder
the specious names of *Geber*, *Arnold*, *Lully*, *Bombast of
Hohenhein*, to commit miracles in art, and treason again'
nature. And, as if the title of *Philosopher*, that creature of
glory, were to be fetch'd out of a furnace, abuse the curious
50 and credulous *Nation* of metall-men through the world, and
make *Mercury* their instrument. I am their Crude, and
their Sublimate ; their *Præcipitate*, and their vnctuous ;
their male and their female ; sometimes their *Hermaphro-
dite* ; what they list to stile me. It is I, that am corroded,
55 and exalted, and sublim'd, and reduc'd, and fetch'd ouer,
and filtred, and wash'd, and wip'd ; what betweene their
salts and their sulphures ; their oyles, and their tartars,
their brines and their vinegers, you might take me out now

35 vardingale] verdingale F2
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43 a G 45 *Vskabah*] usquebagh
53 sometimes] Sometimes F1

a sous'd *Mercury*, now a salted *Mercury*, now a smoak'd and
dri'd *Mercury*, now a pouldred and pickl'd *Mercury*: neuer 60
Herring, Oyster, or Coucumer past so many vexations: my
whole life with 'hem hath bene an exercise of torture;
one, two, three, foure and fieve times an houre ha' they made
mee dance the *Philosophicall* circle, like an Ape through a
hoope, or a dogge in a wheele. I am their turne-spit indeed: 65
They eate or smell no rost-meate but in my name. I am
their bill of credit still, that passes for their victuals and
house-roume. It is through mee, they ha' got this corner
o' the Court to coozen in, where they sharke for a hungry
diet below staires, and cheat vpon your vnder-Officers, 70
promising mountaines for their meat, and all vpon *Mercuries*
security. A poore *Page* o' the Larder, they haue made
obstinately beleeeue, he shalbe *Phisician* for the Houshold,
next Summer: they will giue him a quantity of the quint-
essence, shall serue him to cure kibes, or the mormall o' 75
the shinne, take away the pustles i' the nose, and *Mercury*
is ingag'd for it. A child o' the *Scullery* steales all their
coales for 'hem too, and he is bid sleepe secure, hee shall
finde a corner o' the *Philosophers* stone for't, vnder his
bolster, one day, and haue the Prouerbe inuerted. Against 80
which, one day I am to deliuer the Buttry in, so many fir-
kins of *Aurum potabile*, as it deliuers out Bombards of Budge
to them, betweene this and that. For the *Pantry*, they are at
a certaintie with mee, and keepe a Tally, an Ingot, a loafe,
or a wedge of some fieve pound weight, which is a thing of 85
nothing, a trifle. And so the Blacke guard are pleased with
a toy, a lease of life (for some 999.) especially those o' the
boyling-house, they are to haue *Medeas* kettle hung vp, that
they may souse into it when they will, and come out re-
new'd like so many strip'd Snakes at their pleasure. But 90
these are petty Engagements, and (as I saide) below the
staires; Marry aboue here, Perpetuity of beauty, (doe you

64 through] thorow *F2* 72 Larder] Ladder *F2* 84 an *F2*:
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heare, Ladies) health, Riches, Honours, a matter of Im-
 mortality is nothing. They will calcine you a graue matron
 95 (as it might bee a mother o' the maides) and spring vp a
 yong virgin, out of her ashes, as fresh as a *Phœnix*: Lay
 you an old Courtier o' the coales like a sausedge, or a bloat-
 herring, and after they ha' broil'd him enough, blow a soule
 into him with a paire of bellowes, till hee start vp into his
 100 galliard, that was made when *Mounsieur* was here. They
 professe familiarly to melt down all the old sinners o' the
 suburbes once in halfe a yeere, into fresh gamesters againe.
 Get all the crack'd maiden-heads, and cast 'hem into new
 Ingots, halfe the wenches o' the towne are *Alchymie*. See,
 105 they begin to muster againe, and draw their forces out
 against me! The *Genius* of the place defend me! You that
 are both the *Sol* and *Iupiter* of this spheare, *Mercury* in-
 uokes your maiesty against the sooty Tribe here; for in
 your fauour onely, I growe recouer'd and warme.

110 *At which time Vulcan entring with a troupe of threedbare
 Alchymists, prepares them to the first Antimasque.*

VULCAN.

BEgin your charme, sound musique, circle him in, and
 take him: If he will not obey, bind him.

115 *They all danc'd about Mercury with varietie of changes,
 whilst he defends himselfe with his Caducæus, and after the
 dance spake.*

MERCVRIE.

IT is in vaine, *Vulcan*, to pitch your net in the sight of the
 120 fowle thus: I am no sleepy *Mars*, to be catch'd i' your
 subtile toy(les. I know what your aymes are, Sir, to teare
 the wings from my head, and heeles, and lute mee vp in a
 glasse, with my owne seales, while you might wrest the

93 Honours,] honour; F2 100 Mounsieur] Monsieur F2 102
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Caducæus out of my hand, to the adultery and spoile of *Nature*, and make your accesses by it, to her dishonour, ¹²⁵ more easie. Sir, would you beleue, it should be come to that height of impudence, in mankind, that such a nest of fire-wormes, as these are (because their Patron *Mulciber* heretofore has made stooles stirre, and statues dance, a dog of brasse to barke, and (which some will say, was his worst ¹³⁰ acte) a woman to speake, should therefore with their heats cal'd *Balnei*, *cineris*, or horse-doung, professe to outworke the *Sunne* in vertue, and contend to the great act of generation, nay, almost creation? It is so, though. For, in yonder vessels, which you see in their laboratorie, they haue ¹³⁵ inclos'd *Materials*, to produce men, beyond the deedes of *Deucalion*, or *Prometheus* (of which, one, they say, had the *Philosophers* stone, and threw it ouer his shoulder, the other the fire, and lost it.) And what men are they, they are so busie about, thinke you? not common or ordinary crea- ¹⁴⁰ tures, but of rarity and excellence, such as the times wanted, and the *Age* had a speciall deale of neede of : such, as there was a necessitie, they should be artificiall ; for *Nature* could neuer haue thought or dreamt o' their composition. I can remember some o' their titles to you, and the ingredients : ¹⁴⁵ doe not looke for *Paracelsus* man among 'hem, that he promised you out of white bread, and dele-wine, for hee neuer came to light. But of these, let me see ; the first that occurs ; a master of the *Duel*, a carrier of the differencies. To him went spirit of ale, a good quantitie, with the amal- ¹⁵⁰ gama of sugar and nutmegs, oyle of othes, sulphure of quarrell, strong waters, valour precipitate, vapor'd o're the helme with tobacco, and the rosin of *Mars*, with a dram o' the businesse, for that's the word of tincture, the businesse. Let me alone with the businesse, I will carrie the businesse. ¹⁵⁵ I doe vnderstand the businesse. I doe finde an affront i' the businesse. Then another is a fencer i' the *Mathematiques*,

¹²⁴ *Caducæus*] *Caduceus* F2 ¹³¹ acte)] acte, Fr speake,] speake) Fr ¹³⁴ It] it Fr ¹³⁵ vessels,] vessels Fr see] see, Fr ¹⁴⁰ or om. 1716, W ¹⁴⁵ ingredients:] ingredients Ff ¹⁵³ *Mars*,] *Mars* Ff

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As worthy of youthes study, as deuotion.

220

or the townes-cunning-man, a creature of arte too ; a supposed secretary to the starres ; but, indeed, a kind of lying
 160 *Intelligencer* from those parts. His materials, if I be not deceiu'd, were iuyce of almanacks, extraction of *Ephemerides*, scales of the *Globe*, fylings of figures, dust o' the twelue houses, conserue of questions, salt of confederacy, a pound of aduenture, a graine of skill, and a drop of trueth. I saw
 165 vegetals too, aswell as minerals, put into one glasse there, as adders tongue, tittle-bane, nitre of clyents, tartar of false conueyance, *Aurum palpabile*, with a huge deale of talke, to which they added tincture of conscience, with the fæces of honesty ; but for what this was, I could not learne ;
 170 onely I haue ouer-heard one o' the *Artists* say, Out o'the corruption of a Lawyer was the best generation of a Broker in suits : whether this were he or no, I know not.

VULCAN.

175 **T**Hou art a scorner, *Mercury*, and out of the pride of thy protection here, mak'st it thy study, to reuile Art, but it will turne to thine owne contumely soone. Call forth the creatures of the first classe, and let them moue to the harmony of our heat, till the slanderer haue seal'd vp his owne lips, to his owne torment.

180

MERCURY.

LEt 'hem come, let 'hem come, I would not wish a greater punishment to thy impudence.

There enters the second Antimasque of imperfect creatures, with helmes of lymbecks on their heads : Whose dance ended,

185

MERCURY proceeded.

ARt thou not asham'd, *Vulcan*, to offer in defence of thy fire and Art, against the excellence of the Sunne and Nature, creatures more imperfect, then the very flies and insects, that are her trespasses and scapes ? Vanish with

165 vegetals] vegetals Ff
 Artists] Artists Fr

168 fæces W : faces Ff
 187 fire] power W

thy insolence, thou and thy Impostors, and all mention of 190
you melt, before the Maiesty of this light, whose *Mercury*
henceforth I professe to be, and neuer againe the *Philo-*
sophers. Vanish, I say, that all who haue but their senses,
may see and iudge the difference betweene thy ridiculous
monsters, and his absolute features. 195

At which the whole Scene changed to a glorious bowre,
wherein Nature was placed, with Prometheus at her feete ;
And the twelue Masquers, standing about them. After they
had bene a while viewed, Prometheus descended, and Nature
after him, singing. 200

N A T U R E.

H OW yong and fresh am I to night,
To see't kept day, by so much light,
And twelue my sonnes stand in their Makers
sight ?
Helpe, wise *Prometheus*, something must be
done, 205
To shew they are the creatures of the Sunne,
That each to other
Is a brother,

And *Nature* here no stepdame, but a mother.

C H O R V S. { Come forth, come forth, proue all the numbers
then, 210
That make perfection vp, and may absolue
you men.

<N A T U R E.>

But shew thy winding wayes and artes,
Thy risings, and thy timely startes
Of stealing fire, from Ladies eyes and hearts. 215
Those softer circles are the yong mans heauen,
And there more orbes and Planets are then
seuen,

To know whose motion
Were a Notion
As worthy of youthes study, as deuotion. 220

CHORVS. { Come forth, come forth, proue all the time will
gaine,
For *Nature* bids the best, and neuer bad in
vaine.

The first dance.

After which this song.

225 PROMETHEVS. NATVRE.

PRO. **H**OW many, 'mongst these Ladies here,
Wish now they such a mother were !

NA. Not one, I feare,
And read it in their laughters.

230 Ther(e)'s more, I guesse, would wish to be my
daughters.

PRO. You thinke they would not be so old,
For so much glory.

NA. I thinke that thought so told
Is no false piece of story.

235 'Tis yet with them, but Beauties noone,
They would not Grandames be too soone.

PRO. Is that your Sexes humor ?
'Tis then since *Niobe* was chang'd, that they haue
left that tumor.

CHO. Moue, moue againe, in formes as heretofore.

240 NA. 'Tis forme allures.

Then moue, the Ladies here are store.

PRO. *Nature* is motions mother, as she is your's.

CHO. The spring, whence order flowes, that all directs,
And knits the causes with th'effects.

245 *The maine dance.*

Then dancing with the Ladies ;

Then their last dance.

After which, Prometheus calls to them in song.

222 bad] bade F2 228 one,] one Ff 230 more, I guesse,] more
I guesse Ff 231, 232 One line in Ff 239 Query, 'Moue, moue
againe, <in order rang'd> In formes as heretofore.' Two lines, the first
rhyming with 'Tis then since *Niobe* was chang'd,' 242 she is] she's W

P R O M E T H E U S.

W^Hat, ha' you done 250
So soone?

And can you from such Beauty part?

You'll doe a wonder more then I.

I woman with her ills did flie,

But you their good, and them denie. 255

C H O. Sure each hath left his heart

In pawne to come againe, or els he durst not start.

N A T V R E.

T^Hey are loth to goe, 260
I know,

Or sure they are no sonnes of mine.

There is no banquet, boyes, like this,

If you hope better, you will misse;

Stay here, and take each one a kisse.

C H O. Which if you can refine, 265

The taste knowes no such cates, nor yet the pallate
wine.

No cause of tarrying shun,

They are not worth his light, goe backward from the
Sun.

250 What, ha'] What 'ha *Ff* 259 goe,] goe *Ff* 263 misse;
F2: misse, *F1*

THE GOLDEN AGE RESTORED

THE TEXT

First printed in the Folio of 1616 on signatures Qqqq 1 verso to 4 recto, pages 1010–15, the last pages of the Folio. On these last two pages there is a very suggestive variant. Originally Astraea's speech 'What change is here!' (ll. 221–39) followed the dance with the ladies and was followed by the galliards and corantos; and Pallas' speech ' 'Tis now inough' (ll. 200–17), with the couplet of the Chorus

To *Ioue*, to *Ioue*, be all the honour giuen,
That thankfull hearts can raise from earth to heaven.

closed the masque. The printer unlocked the forme and transposed the stanzas without disturbing the type.

The change must have been made by the author for literary reasons. He transposed the speeches of Pallas and Astraea, leaving the final word with the latter: returning to a transformed earth, she found a heaven there and wished to stay in it.

Iam redit et Virgo, redeunt Saturnia regna,
for James was on the throne.

The Folio of 1640 reproduced this rearrangement.

It is possible that the original ending was used at the Court performance and that the revision was an after-thought designed to give a more significant ending to the Folio.

THE GOLDEN AGE RESTOR'D.

In a Maske at Court, 1615. by the Lords, and
Gentlemen, the Kings seruants.

Lowd musique.

PALLAS in her chariot descending.

To a softer musique.

LOoke, looke ! reioyce, and wonder !
That you offending mortalls are,
(For all your crimes) so much the care
Of him, that beares the thunder !

LOVE can endure no longer, 5
Your great ones should your lesse inuade,
Or, that your weake, though bad, be made
A prey vnto the stronger.

And therefore, meanes to settle 10
ASTRAEA in her seat againe ;
And let downe in his golden chaine
The age of better mettle.

Which deed he doth the rather,
That euen enuie may behold
Time not enioy'd his head of gold 15
Alone beneath his father.

But that his care conserueth,
As time, so all times honors too,
Regarding still what heau'n should doo,
And not what earth deserueth. 20

HEADING. Gentlemen . . . seruants roman in F2 : Gen- | tlemen, the
Kings seruants F1 Lowd musique italic in F2, roman in F1 After
8 no line space in F1 15 enioy'd] enjoy F2 17 conserueth.]
conserueth F1 : conserveth F2

A tumult and
clashing of
armes, heard
within.

But harke, what tumult from yond' caue is heard !

What noise, what strife, what earth-quake and alarmes !

As troubled Nature, for her maker, fear'd ;

And all the iron-age were vp in armes !

25 Hide me, soft cloud, from their prophaner eyes,

Till insolent rebellion take the field,

And as their spirits, with their counsels, rise,

I frustrate all, with shewing but my shield.

Iron-age *presents it selfe, calling forth the* Euills.

30 **C**OME forth, come forth, doe we not heare
What purpose, and, how worth our feare,
The King of gods hath on vs ?

Hee is not of the iron breed

That would, though Fate did helpe the deed,

35 Let shame in so vpon vs.

Rise, rise then vp, thou Grandame vice

Of all my issue, Auarice,

Bring with thee Fraud and Slander,

Corruption with the golden hands

40 Or any subtler ill, that stands

To be a more commander.

Thy boyes, Ambition, Pride, and Scorne,

Force, Rapine, and thy babe last borne,

Smooth Trecherie, call hither,

45 Arme Folly forth, and Ignorance,

And teach them all our *Pyrrhick* dance,

We may triumph together,

Vpon this enimie so great,

Whom, if our forces can defeat,

50 And but this once bring vnder,

Wee are the masters of the skyes,

Where all the wealth, height, power, lyes,

The scepter, and the thunder.

28 but] of F2 *She retires behind a cloud.* add. G 29 Iron-age] *Iron*
age F1: *Iron-age* F2 31 and,] and F2 34 deed, F2: deed F1 38
Fraud ... Slander F2: fraud ... slander F1 44 Trecherie,] Trecherie F1

Which of you would not in a warre
 Attempt the price of any scarre, 55
 To keepe your owne states euen ?
 But, heere, which of you is that hee,
 Would not himselfe the weapon bee,
 To ruine I o v E and heauen ?
 About it then, and let him feelee, 60
 The iron-age is turn'd to steele,
 Since he begins to threat her :
 And though the bodies here are lesse
 Then were the Giants ; hee'l confesse
 Our malice is farre greater. 65

*The Antimasque, and their dance, two drummes, trumpets, and
 a confusion of martiall musique : at the end of which
 P A L L A S shewing her shield.*

S O change, and perish, scarcely knowing, how,
 That 'gainst the gods doe take so vaine a vow : 70
 And thinke to equall with your mortall dates,
 Their liues that are obnoxious to no fates.
 'Twas time t(o)'appeare, and let their follies see
 'Gainst whom they fought, and with what destinee.
 Die all, that can remaine of you, but stone, 75
 And that be seene a while, and then be none.
 Now, now, descend, you both belou'd of I o v E,
 And of the good on earth no lesse the loue,
 Descend, you long long wish'd, and wanted paire,
 And as your softer times diuide the aire, 80
 So shake all clouds off, with your golden haire,
 For spight is spent : the iron age is fled,
 And, with her power on earth, her name is dead.

66 *The Antimasque . . . dance*] *The Evils enter for the Antimasque
 and Dance to G* 68 After 'shield.' *The Evils are turned to Statues.*
 G 69 knowing.] knowing F2 72 fates. F2 : fates, F1
 74 destinee. F2 : destinee F1 77 descend,] descend Ff 79
 Descend,] Descend Ff

They meta-
 morphos'd,
 and the scene
 chang'd, shee
 calls *Astræa*
 and the golden
 age.
 80

I. ASTRÆA. 2. AGE *descending.*

85 I. 2. And are we then,

To liue agen,

With men?

I. Will I O V E such pledges to the earth restore
As iustice? 2. or the purer ore?

90

PALLAS.

Once more.

ASTRÆA. AGE.

2. But doe they know,

How much they owe,

95

Belowe?

I. And will of grace receiue it, not as due?

PALLAS.

If not, they harme themselues, not you.

ASTRÆA. AGE.

100

I. True. 2. True.

QVIRE.

Let narrow Natures (how they will) mistake,

The great should still be good for their owne sake.

PALLAS.

They are
descended.

Welcome to earth and raigne.

ASTRÆA. AGE.

But how without a traine

Shall we our state sustaine?

PALLAS.

110 Leaue that to I O V E: therein you are

No little part of his M I N E R V A's care.

88 the earth] th'earth *F*₂ 89 or] Or *F*₂
in italic in Ff 100 True . . . True *in italic in Ff*
 They are descended.] *They come forward* *G*

91 Once more
 105 St. dir.

Expect a while.

You farre-fam'd spirits of this happie Ile,
That, for your sacred songs haue gain'd the stile
Of P H O E B V S sons : whose notes the[y] aire aspire 115
Of th'old *Egyptian*, or the *Thracian* lyre,
That *Chaucer*, *Gower*, *Lidgate*, *Spencer* hight,
Put on your better flames, and larger light,
To waite vpon the age that shall your names new nourish,
Since vertue prest shall grow, and buried arts shall flourish. 120

Shee calls
the Poets.

Poets descend.

2. We come. 2. We come.

4. Our best of fire

Is that which P A L L A S doth inspire.

P A L L A S.

125

Then see you yonder soules, set far within the shade,
And in *Elysian* bowres the blessed seates doe keepe,
That for their liuing good, now semigods are made,
And went away from earth, as if but tam'd with sleepe :
These we must ioyne to wake ; for these are of the straine 130
That iustice dare defend, and will the age sustaine.

T H E Q V I R E.

Awake, awake, for whom these times were kept,
O wake, wake, wake, as you had neuer slept,
Make haste and put on aire, to be their guard, 135
Whom once but to defend, is still reward.

P A L L A S.

Thus P A L L A S throwes a lightning from her shield.

Q V I R E.

To which let all that doubtfull darknesse yeeld.

The Scene of
light dis-
couered.

112 while.] while, F2 115 the F2 117 hight, F2 : hight
Fr 121 *Poets descend.* om. G who inserts *They descend* after l. 124
122 2 . . . 2] *Chau. Gow. . . Lid. Spen. G* 123 4.] *Omnes G*
127 And] That G 135 aire] arie Fr : ayre F2

I. ASTRÆA. 2. AGE.

I. Now peace, 2. and loue, I. faith, 2. ioyes, 1. 2. all, all
increase.

POETS.

A pause. 2. And strife, 2. and hate, 2. and feare, 2. and paine, 4. all
cease.

PALLAS.

145 No tumour of an yron vaine.
The causes shall not come againe.

QVIRE.

But, as of old, all now be gold.
Moue, moue then to these sounds.
150 And, doe, not onely, walke your solemne rounds,
But giue those light and ayrie bounds,
That fit the *Genij* of these gladder grounds.

The first dance ; after which PALLAS.

Alreadie ? Doe not all things smile ?

ASTRÆA.

155 But when they haue enioy'd a while,
The ages quickning power :

AGE.

That euery thought a seede doth bring,
160 And euery looke a plant doth spring,
And euery breath a flower :

PALLAS.

Then earth vnplough'd shall yeeld her crop,
Pure honey from the oake shall drop,
165 The fountaine shall runne milke :
The thistle shall the lilly beare,
And euery bramble roses weare,
And euery worrne make silke.

142 peace,] peace. Fr faith,] faith. Fr ioyes,] Ioyes Fr all,]
all Fr 144 2 . . . 2 . . . 2 . . . 2 . . . 2 . . . 4] Chau. . . Gow. . . Lid. . .
Spen. . . Omnes. G strife,] strife Fr 153 The first] The first Fr
154 Alreadie ? Doe] Already do G

Q V I R E.

The verie shrub shall *Balsame* sweat, 170
And *Nectar* melt the rocke with heat,
Till earth haue drunke her fill :
That she no harmefull weed may know,
Nor barren *Ferne*, nor *Mandrake* low,
Nor *Minerall* to kill. 175

The maine daunce, after which,

P A L L A S.

But here's not all : you must doe more,
Or else you doe but halfe restore
The *ages* libertie. 180

P O E T S.

The male and female vs'd to ioyne,
And into all delight did coyne
That pure simplicitie.
Then feature did to forme aduance, 185
And youth call'd beutie forth to dance,
And euerie grace was by.
It was a time of no distrust,
So much of loue had nought of lust,
None fear'd a ialous eye. 190
The language melted in the eare,
Yet all without a blush might heare,
They liu'd with open vow.

Q V I R E.

Each touch and kisse was so well plac'd, 195
They were as sweet as they were chast,
And such must yours be now.

Dance with Ladies.

PALLAS ascending calls them.

200 'Tis now inough, behold you here,
 What I O V E hath built to be your sphere,
 You hither must retire.
 And as his bountie giues you cause,
 Be readie still without your pause
 205 To shew the world your fire.

Like lights about A S T R A E A's throne,
 You here must shine, and all be one,
 In feruor and in flame.
 That by your vnion she may grow,
 210 And, you sustaining her, may know
 The age still by her name.

Who vowes, against or heat or cold,
 To spin you garments of her gold,
 That want may touch you neuer,
 215 And making garlands euery hower,
 To write your names in some new flower,
 That you may liue for euer.

Q V I R E.

To *Ioue*, to *Ioue*, be all the honour giuen,
 220 That thankfull hearts can raise from earth to heauen.

A S T R A E A.

What change is here ! I had not more
 Desire to leaue the earth before,
 Then I haue now, to stay ;
 225 My siluer feet, like roots, are wreath'd
 Into the ground, my wings are sheath'd,
 And I cannot away.

199-220 Originally followed 221-40: F2 has the revised arrangement
 210 know] know, Fr 212 against] against, Fr

Of all there seemes a second birth,
It is become a heau'n on earth,
 And *Ioue* is present here, 230
I feele the Godhead : nor will doubt
But he can fill the place throughout,
 Whose power is euery where.

This, this, and onely such as this,
The bright *Astræa's* region is, 235
 Where she would pray to liue,
And in the midd'st of so much gold,
Vnbought with grace or feare vnsold,
 The law to mortals giue.

Galliards and Coranto's. 240

THE END.

241 THE END] The end *F* originally: FINIS *F*2

CHRISTMAS HIS MASQUE

THE TEXT

First printed in the Folio of 1640 at the head of the section containing *The Masques* and *The Underwoods* on quire B, pages 1–7. The text ends on B4 recto, the verso being blank. Charles Sayle noted that the factotum initial of Salome receiving the head of John the Baptist in a charger is found in Andrew Willett's *Synopsis Papismi*, 1634, printed by John Haviland for Robert Milbourne.¹

There is a contemporary manuscript of the masque, showing an earlier state than the printed text, in the Folger Shakespeare Library at Washington, MS. 2203. 1., on folios 168–74. It gives a complete text of the speeches and songs, but not the descriptions of the characters, their dresses and properties, which Jonson supplied in the copy afterwards sent to press for the Folio. The title in the manuscript is 'Christmas his Showe', which Jonson might have retained with advantage. This delightful burlesque of an entertainment at a City hall is more like a mummers' play than a formal masque. The text of the manuscript is good. It recovers for us two lost speeches at lines 110–12: their omission in the Folio must have been an accident. It preserves the Jonsonian spellings 'præsent' and 'præsenteth' in lines 143 and 197. The punctuation, usually good, has two peculiarities, an habitual use of the colon and an erratic way of writing the indefinite article 'a' with an apostrophe or with a grave accent. An example of the use of the colon is Venus' speech in lines 117–18: 'Right forsooth: I am Cupid's mother: Cupid's owne Mother forsooth: yes forsooth: I dwell in Pudding lane:'. . . These emphatic stops would be effective here with the old dame's speeches delivered in a series of gasps and jerks; but the colons are used elsewhere where they have no special justification. For the article we may instance 'he may slip in for à Torch-bearer' (l. 89); 'Ha' you neuer à Sonne at the Groome

¹ *Early Printed Books in the Library of the University of Cambridge*, vol. ii, p. 1056.

porters' (l. 148); 'Sauce for 'a Coney' (l. 182); 'and 'a dozen I ween' (l. 238). We have not recorded this freak of the scribe.

There are two manuscript copies of the Song of Christmas (ll. 71-8, 93-101, 172-9, 182-245). (1) A Bodleian manuscript, MS. Rawlinson poetry 160 on folios 173-4; most of its variants are trivial, but it gives the short line 182 '*Hum drum, sauce for a Coney*' in the fuller form '*Hum drum, hum drum is sauce for a coney*', and it has line 207 '*Mince-pie, with her do not dally*' in an earlier form, '*forbeare, wth her to dally*', though it prefixes unmetrically the name '*Mincepye*' to this: Jonson evidently decided to insert her name and rewrote the line to suit the insertion. (2) Harley MS. 4955 in the British Museum, folios 46-7, a very bad text, though it preserves some earlier readings. In line 72 Jonson originally wrote '*all the yeare*' for '*all, two there*', but this is cancelled by the scribe; in line 207 '*forbear with her to dally*', as noted above, but without Mince-pie's name; in line 227 '*for this night*' instead of '*for Twelfe-night*'; and in line 232 '*Alworth*' for '*Little-worth*'. This manuscript, being written for the Earl of Newcastle, is, in spite of its blunders, not without authority for important variants.

The Folio corrects the Folger manuscript, at line 28, where the latter has '*Son Rowland, Son George, Son Clem*'. None of Christmas's sons is named George.

In the critical apparatus '*MS.*' means the Folger manuscript, '*R*' the Rawlinson poetry manuscript, and '*N*' the Harley or Newcastle manuscript.

CHRISTMAS, HIS MASQUE; AS IT VVAS PRESEN- TED AT COVRT. 1616.

Enter *Christmas* with two or three of the Guard.

He is attir'd in round Hose, long Stockings, a close Doublet, a high crown'd Hat with a Brooch, a long thin beard, a Truncheon, little Ruffes, white Shoes, his Scarffes, and Garters tyed crosse, and his Drum beaten before him.



Hy Gentlemen, doe you know what you doe? ha! would you ha' kept me out? *Christmas*, old *Christmas*? *Christmas* of London, and Captaine *Christmas*? Pray you let me be brought before my Lord Chamberlaine, i'lle not be answer'd else: 'tis merrie in hall when beards wag all: I ha' seene the time you ha' wish'd for me, for a merry *Christmas*, and now you ha' me; they would not let me in: I must come another time! a good jeast, as if I could come more then once a yeare; why, I am no dangerous person, and so I told my friends, o'the Guard. I am old *Gregorie Christmas* still, and though I come out of *Popes-head-alley* as good a Protestant, as any i' my Parish. The troth is, I ha' brought a Masque here, out o'the Citie, o'my owne making, and doe present it by a sett of my Sonnes, that come out of the Lanes of London, good dancing boyes all: It was intended I confesse for Curryers Hall, but because the weather has beene open, and the Livory were not at leisure to see it till a frost came that they cannot worke. I thought it convenient, with some little alterations, and the Groome of the *Revells* hand to't, to fit it for a higher place, which I have done, and though I say it, another manner of devils then your Newyeares night. Bones o' bread, the King! Sonne *Rowland*, Son *Clem*, be ready there in a trice; quickē, Boyes.

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Enter

The opening page of the Masques in the Folio, 1640.

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Title. CHRISTMAS . . . 1616.] Christmas his Showe MS 1-5 Enter
 . . . him.] Christmas MS high-crownd] high crown'd F 6 Why,]
 Why F, MS 9 before] afore MS 9 I'll] i'll F 12
 Christmas:] Christmas, F: Christmas, MS you] yee MS me, MS:
 me; F 14 more] more, MS 14 why,] Why? MS 15 friends
 MS: friends, F 16 -alley,] -alley F: alley, MS 17 i'] in
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30 *Enter his Sonnes and Daughters being ten in number, led in, in a string by Cupid, who is attir'd in a flat Cap, and a Prentises Coat, with wings at his shoulders.*

The names of his Children, with their attyres.

MIS - RULE.

35 *I**N a velvet Cap with a Sprig, a short Cloake, great yellow Ruffe like a Reveller, his Torch-bearer bearing a Rope, a Cheese and a Basket.*

CAROLL.

40 *A* *Long tawny Coat, with a red Cap, and a Flute at his girdle, his Torch-bearer carrying a Song booke open.*

MINC'D - PIE.

*L**ike a fine Cookes Wife, drest neat ; her Man carrying a Pie, Dish, and Spoones.*

GAMBOLL.

45 *L**ike a Tumbler, with a hoope and Bells ; his Torch-bearer arm'd with a Cole-staffe, and a blinding cloth.*

21 intended,] intended F, MS confesse,] confesse F : confes, MS
 23 it] it, MS come MS : came F worke, MS : worke. F 25
 of the] o' the MS place,] place : MS 28 After ' King !'
 (seeing James) G 28 *Rowland*,] *Rowland*, Son *George* MS. 30-70
 Not in the MS 36 *Torch-bearer*] The hyphen faint or missing in F
 37 *Basket*.] *Basket*, F 46 *Cole-staffe*] *colt-staff* W *blinding*] *binding* W

POST AND PAIRE:

With a paire-Royall of Aces in his Hat ; his Garment
all done over with Payres, and Purrs ; his Squier
carrying a Box, Cards, and Counters. 50

NEW-YEARES-GIFT.

In a blew Coat, serving-man like, with an Orange, and a
sprig of Rosemarie guilt on his head, his Hat full of
Broaches, with a collar of Gingerbread, his Torch-bearer carry-
ing a March-paine, with a bottle of wine on either arme. 55

MUMMING.

In a Masquing pied suite, with a Visor, his Torch-bearer
carrying the Boxe, and ringing it.

WASSALL.

Like a neat Sempster, and Songster ; her Page bearing a 60
browne bowle, drest with Ribbands, and Rosemarie, before
her.

OFFERING.

In a short gowne, with a Porters staffe in his hand ; a Wyth
borne before him, and a Bason by his Torch-bearer. 65

BABIE-CAKE.

DRest like a Boy, in a fine long Coat, Biggin, Bib, Muck-
ender, and a little Dagger ; his Vsher bearing a great
Cake with a Beane, and a Pease.

They enter singing.

70

Now God preserve, as you well doe deserve,
your Majesties all, two there ;
Your Highnesse small, with my good Lords all,
and Ladies, how doe you do there ?

58 carrying] carrring F 61 Rosemarie,] Rosemarie F 66
-CAKE corr. F :-COCKE F originally 70 They . . . singing.] Singe MS
71-8 Four lines in MS 72 all, two there] all the yeare N originally,
but cancelled two] tow MS 73 with] and R

- 75 *Gi' me leave to aske, for I bring you a Masque
from little little little London ;
Which say the KING likes, I ha' passed the Pikes,
if not, old Christmas is undone.*

C H R. A' peace, what's the matter there ?

- 80 G A M B. Here's one o' Friday-street would come in.

C H R. By no meanes, nor out of neither of the Fish-
streets, admit not a man ; they are not *Christmas* creatures :
Fish, and fasting dayes, foh ! Sonnes, sayd I well ? looke
too't.

- 85 G A M B. No bodie out o' Friday-street, nor the two Fish-
streets there ; doe yo' heare ?

C A R O L. Shall *Fohn Butter* o' Milke-street come in ?
aske him.

- G A M B. Yes, he may slip in for a Torch-bearer, so he
90 melt not too fast, that he will last till the Masque be done.

C H R. Right, Sonne.

Sing agen.

- O** *Vr Dances freight, is a matter of eight,
and two, the which are Wenches ;*
95 *In all they be ten, foure Cockes to a Hen,
and will swim to the tune like Tenches.*
*Each hath his knight, for to carry his light,
which some would say are Torches ;*
To bring them here, and to lead them there,
100 *and home againe to their owne porches.*
Now their intent——

Enter Venus, a deafe Tire-woman.

V E N. Now, all the Lords blesse me, where am I, tro ?
where is *Cupid* ? Serve the King ? they may serve the

75 Gi'] giue N you om. N 77 say] if N 78 Noise without. add G
79 A'] Ha, G what's MS: what's F 80 one MS: one, F Friday-street]
Fridaystreet F comein] comein F 81 Fish-streets MS: Fishstreets F
86 yo'] yo F: yo^u MS 90 last] last, MS 91 Right.] Right F, MS
92 agen not in MS 93 Dances] dauncers R freight... eight] fright...
sight N 94 two] tow MS 95 foure] two N 97 for om. R, N
98 say] say, MS 99 bring] carry R 102 Enter ...-woman]
Woman MS (so for the speech-headings of Venus throughout) 103 I,]
I F, MS 104 Serve] serve F: serue MS

Cobler well enough, some of 'em, for any courtesie they have, 105
y'wisse; they ha' need o' mending: unrude people they
are, your Courtiers, here was thrust upon thrust indeed!
was it ever so hard to get in before, tro?

CHR. How now? what's the matter?

<VEN. I was to come in, and I would have come in, or 110
my child should not have acted here to night els.

CHR. What are you, I beseech you?)

VEN. A place forsooth, I do want a place; I would
have a good place to see my Child act in before the KING,
and <the> QUE<E>NES Majesties (God blesse 'em) to night. 115

CHR. Why, here is no place for you.

VEN. Right forsooth, I am *Cupids* Mother, *Cupids* owne
Mother, forsooth; yes forsooth: I dwell in Pudding-lane;
I forsooth, he is Prentise in Love-lane with a Bugle-maker,
that makes of your Bobs, and Bird-bolts for Ladies. 120

CHR. Good Lady Venus of Pudding-lane, you must go
out for all this.

VEN. Yes forsooth, I can sit any where, so I may see
<my> *Cupid* act; hee is a pretty Child, though I say it that
perhaps should not, you will say: I had him by my first 125
Husband, he was a Smith forsooth, we dwelt in Doe-little
lane then, he came a moneth before his time, and that may
make him somewhat imperfect: But I was a Fishmongers
daughter.

CHR. No matter for your Pedigree, your house; good 130
Venus, will you depart?

VEN. I forsooth, he'll say his part, I warrant him, as
well as ere a Play boy of 'em all: I could ha' had money
enough for him, an I would ha' beene tempted, and ha' let
him out by the weeke, to the Kings Players: Master Bur- 135

105 have,] have F: haue MS 106 y'wisse] ywis MS 110-12
MS only, reading 'haue' in l. 110: the heading 'VEN.' supplied by the
Editor 114 place to] place, to MS 114 in] in, MS 115
the MS 118 Mother,] Mother: F: Mother MS 118
Pudding-] pudding- F: Pudding MS 120 Ladies.] Ladies, F:
ladies. MS 124 my MS 131 Venus,] Venus F, MS 132
part,] part F, MS 133 ha'] haue MS 134 an] and MS
134 ha' beene] ha beene F, MS and ha'] and a MS

badge has beene about and about with me ; and so has old Mr. *Hemings* too, they ha' need of him, where is he tro'a ? I would faine see him, pray God they have given him some drinke since he came.

140 CHRIST. Are you readie, Boyes ? strike up, nothing will drown this noise but a Drum : a' peace, yet, I ha' not done.

Sing—*Now their intent, is about to present*—

CAROL. Why ? here be halfe of the properties for-
145 gotten, Father.

OFFERING. Post and Paire wants his pur-chops, and his pur-dogs.

CAROL. Ha' you nere a Son at the Groom-Porters to beg, or borrow a paire of Cards quickly ?

150 GAMB. It shall not need, heer's your Son *Cheater* without ; has Cards in his pocket.

OFFERING. Odds so ; speake to the Guard to let him in, under the name of a propertie.

GAME. And heer's *New-yeares-gift* ha's an Orenge, and
155 Rosmarie, but not a clove to sticke in't.

NEVV-YEER. Why, let one go to the Spicery.

CHR. Fie, fie, fie ; it's naught, it's naught, boyes.

VEN. Why, I have cloves, if it be cloves you want, I have cloves in my purse, I never goe without one in my
160 mouth.

CAROL. And *Mumming*, has not his vizard neither.

CHR. No matter, his owne face shall serve for a punishment, and 'tis bad enough ; has *Wassell* her boule, and *Mince-pie* her spoones ?

165 OFFER. I, I ; but *Mis-rule* doth not like his suite : he

137 tro' a] troa MS: trow, ha! G 138 God] god MS 140
readie,] readie F, MS 141 noise] voyce MS originally 142 done.]
don. MS: done F 143 about] about MS: above F present]
present MS 148 nere] neuer MS 149 Cards] Cards of MS
(query for 'Cards of him') 150 Cheater] Cheater MS: Chrater
F, F3 151 in his] in 's MS 152 Guard] guards W 154
ha's] h'as F 156 let one go] il'e get one to run MS 157
naught, boyes] naught, Boyes MS: naught boyes F 159 one]
one, MS

saies the Players have lent him one too little, on purpose to disgrace him.

C H R. Let him hold his peace, and his disgrace will bee the lesse : what ? shall wee proclaime where wee were furnisht ? *Mum ! Mum !* a' peace, be readie, good Boyes. 170

Sings agen.

Now their intent, is about to present
with all the appurtenances
A right Christmas, as of old it was,
to be gathered out of the Dances. 175

*Which they doe bring, and afore the King,
the Queene, and Prince, as it were now
Drawne here by Love ; who, over and above,
doth draw himselfe i' the geere too.*

Here the Drum, and Fife sounds, and they march about 180
once ; at the second comming up he proceeds in his song.

*Hum drum, sauce for a Coney ;
no more of your Martiall musicke :
Even for the sake, o' the next new stake,
for there I doe meane to use it.* 185

*And now to yee, who in place are to see,
with Roll and Farthingale hooped :
I pray you know, though he want his bow,
by the wings, that this is Cupid.*

*He might goe backe, for to cry what you lack, 190
but that were not so wittie :
His Cap, and Coat, are enough to note
that he is the Love o' the Cittie.*

170 readie,] readie F: ready MS 171 *Sings agen*] Sing MS 172
about] about MS, R: bout N: above F 174 *as of old it was*] as
if could it was N 176 *afore*] for N 177 *and*] the R 178
over] oare N 179 *geere too.*] *geere too* F: *geere-too.* MS: *yeer too* N
180 Here . . . sounds] Drom & phiffe sounde MS 181 at] In G
up] vp, MS he] CHRISTMAS G 182 *drum, sauce*] drum, hum-
drum is sauce R 183 of] o' MS 184 *Even*] Eu'n MS 187
hooped] hoopid MS 188 *bow,*] bow F: bow, MS 190 *for*
om. R 192 *are enough to*] is enough for to N

- 195 *And he leades on, though he now be gon,
 for that was onely his-rule :
 But now comes in, Tom of Bosomes Inne,
 and he presenteth Mis-rule.*
*Which you may know, by the very show,
 albeit you never aske it :*
 200 *For there you may see what his Ensignes bee,
 the Rope, the Cheese, and the Basket.*
*This Carol plaies, and has beene in his dayes
 a chirping boy, and a kill-pot :*
 Kit Cobler it is, I'me a Father of his,
 205 *and he dwells in the lane, cal'd Fil-pot.*
*But who is this ? O, my daughter Sis
 Mince-pie, with her doe not dally
 On paine o' your life : She's an honest Cooks wife,
 and comes out of Scalding-Alley.*
 210 *Next in the trace, comes Gambol in place,
 and to make my tale the shorter :
 My Sonne Hercules, tane, out of Distaffe-lane,
 but an active man, and a Porter.*
*Now Post and Paire, old Christmasses heire,
 doth make and a gingling Sally :*
 215 *And wott you who, 'tis one of my two
 Sons, Cardmakers in Pur-alley.*
*Next in a trice, with his boxe and his Dice,
 Mac-pippin my Son, but younger,
 220 Brings Mumming in ; and the knave will win,
 for a' is a Costermonger.*

195 was] is MS, R, N 197 presenteth] present eth F: præsenth MS
 198-237 Stanzas numbered 1-10 in MS. 200 For there] There R
 see] see, MS 202 his] our N 203 kill-pot] kill pot F: kil-
 pot MS 204 Cobler] Cobler F 206 O,] O' F: O MS: 'tis
 R 207 Mince-pie, with her doe not] Mincepye, forbear wth her to R:
 forbear with her to N 208 o'] of R, N 210 Next om. N Gambol]
 gumball N 212 -lane,] -lane F: lane MS 214 Christmasses]
 Christmas his R: Chris'masses N heire,] heire F 215 make and
 MS: make, and F: make on R: make an a N 216 'tis] t'is F two]
 tow MS 218 his boxe] a box N 221 a' is] heers N: he is G

But New-yeares-gift, of himselfe makes shift
to tell you what his name is :

With Orenge on head, and his Gingerbread,
Clem Waspe of Honey-lane 'tis.

225

This I you tell, is our jolly Wassell,
and for Twelfe-night more meet too :
She workes by the Ell, and her name is Nell,
and she dwells in Thred-needle-street too.

Then Offering he, with his Dish, and his Tree, 230
that in every great house keepeth ;
Is by my Sonne, young Little-worth done,
and in Penny-rich-street he sleepeth.

Last, Baby-cake, that an end doth make 235
of Christmas merrie, merrie vaine-a,
Is Child Rowlan, and a straight young man,
though he come out of Crooked-lane-a.

There should have beene, and a dozen I wene,
but I could finde but one more
Child of Christmas, and a Logge it was, 240
when I them all had gone ore.

I prayed him, in a time so trim,
that he would make one to prauunce it :
And I my selfe, would have beene the twelfe,
o, but Log was to heauie to dance it. 245

222 -gift] -guift MS of] for MS 225 Waspe of] was (of N
227 Twelfe-night] this night N more] most MS, R, N 229
dwells] works N -street too] -street-too MS 232 by om R
Little-worth] Alworth N 233 sleepeth] keepeth N 234 Last,
Baby-cake] lett baby leake, N that] who MS 235 vaine-a,
vaine-a R: vaine a F: vayne a MS 236 Rowlan] Rowland R
237 though he come] he's com N -lane-a] -lane a F: lane-a MS, R
238 have beene] ha' bin N and] an R I wene] I win R: of wen N
239 finde] get R: om. N more] more MS: more; F 240 of om.
N Logge] toy N 242 prayed] prayed R: pray'd F: prayd MS, N
243 he would] heede R 244 have beene] ha' been MS: be N 245
o, but] o' hui F Log] toy N

Now *Cupid*, come you on.

CUPID. *You worthie wights, King, Lords, and Knights,
O Queene, and Ladies bright :*

250 Cupid invites, you to the sights
he shall present to night.

VEN. 'Tis a good child, speake out, hold up your head,
Love.

CUPID. *And which Cupid—and which Cupid, &c.*

VEN. Do not shake so, *Robin*, if thou beest a-cold, I ha'
255 some warme waters for thee, here.

CHR. Come, you put *Robin Cupid* out with your waters,
and your fisling ; will you be gone ?

VEN. I forsooth ; hee's a child, you must conceive, and
must be us'd tenderly ; he was never in such an assembly
260 before, forsooth, but once at the Warmoll Quest, forsooth,
where he sayd grace as prettily as any of the Sheriffes
Hinch-boyes, forsooth.

CHR. Will you peace, forsooth ?

CUPID. *And which Cupid—and which Cupid, &c.*

265 VEN. I, that's a good boy, speake plaine, *Robin* : how
does his Majestie like him, I pray ? will he give <him> eight
pence a day, thinke you ? speak out, *Robin*.

CHR. Nay, he is out enough, you may take him away,
and begin your Dance ; this it is to have speeches.

270 VEN. You wrong the Child, you doe wrong the Infant ;
I 'peale to his Majestie.

Here they Dance.

CHR. Well done, Boyes, my fine Boyes, my bully Boyes.

246 *Cupid*,] *Cupid* F : Cupid MS 248 O] O MS : or F 251 'Tis]
Tis F, MS head,] head F, MS 253 Printed in roman in F
with '*Cupid*' in italic (so 264) 254 so,] so F : soe MS a-cold]
a' cold F : a cold MS and your fisling not in MS 260 before,]
before F, MS 262 Hinch-boyes,] Hinch-boyes F : Hinchboyes MS
264 Cupid—and] *Cupid*, and F 265 I,] I F, MS 267 day,]
day F, MS out,] out F, MS 268 he is] hee's MS 272 Here ...
Dance.] The Daunce MS 273 done,] done F : don MS

Sings agen. *The Epilogue.*

N*Or doe you thinke their legges is all* 275
the commendation of my Sons,
For at the Artillery-Garden they shall
as well (forsooth) use their Guns.

And march as fine, as the Muses nine,
along the streets of London : 280
And i' their brave tires, to gi' their false fires,
especially Tom my Son.

Now if the Lanes and the Allyes afford
such an ac-ativitie as this :
At Christmas next, if they keepe their word, 285
can the children of Cheapside misse ?

Though, put the case, when they come in place,
they should not dance, but hop :
Their very gold lace, with their silke would 'em grace,
having so many knights, o' the Shop ! 290

But were I so wise, I might seeme to advise
so great a Potentate as your selfe :
They should, Sir, I tell yee, spar't out o' their bellie,
and this way spend some of their pelfe.

I, and come to the Court, for to make you some sport, 295
at the least once every yeare :
As Christmas hath done, with his seventh or eight Son,
and his couple of Daughters deare.

The End.

274 *Sings* . . . *Epilogue.*] *Sing MS* 275 *thinke*] *thinke, MS*
283 *afford*] *afford, F: afford MS* 293 *should,*] *should F* 294 *of*] *of MS*
o' *MS* 297 *seventh*] *seven MS* *eight MS: eigh F* 299 *The*
End] *finis MS*

LOVERS MADE MEN

THE TEXT

First printed in a very accurate Quarto in 1617, with the title *Louers made Men*. It has no imprint. The collation is A⁴, B 1. The Bodleian copy is the only one recorded ; it is in the Malone collection. The Quarto was reprinted in the Folio of 1640 in the section of the Masques on signature C, ending on C⁴ recto, pages 9 to 15. This is also an accurate text, slightly revised. The title is omitted : we have only the colourless *A Masque Presented in the House of . . . the Lord Hays*. It is as if Jonson, or the printer, was trying to justify the motto from Martial, *Quid titulum poscis ? Versus duo trésvé legantur*. In the descriptive heading 'The Front before the Scene, was an Arch-Triumphall', 'was' is an insertion of the Folio, and for the present tense of the Quarto 'Humanitie . . . sits with her lap full of flowers' we have 'sate'. A more important change is in the opening stage-direction, amplified in order to acknowledge the services of Nicholas Lanier, who '*made both the Scene, and the Musicke*'. Gifford, not knowing the Quarto, renamed the piece *The Masque of Lethe*.

A curious reading of the Quarto is in line 185 :

But stay'd, and heard your generall C V P I D scoff,
which the Folio makes metrical by omitting 'generall'. Did the line run at first 'heard your Generall scoff'—i.e. Cupid as commander-in-chief of the masquers—and Jonson, feeling an ambiguity in this vague phrase, decide to insert Cupid's name, but forgot to cancel 'generall' ? Similarly the over-long line 187

H E R M E S, your too much wit, breeds too much feare,
is shortened in the Folio by omitting 'H E R M E S'.

We have followed the Folio text, which appears to have been set up from a corrected copy of the Quarto.

Louers made Men.

A Masque
P R E S E N T E D
I N T H E H O U S E O F
T H E R I G H T H O N O -
R A B L E T H E L O R D
H A Y E.

By diuers of noble qualitie,
his friends.

For the entertaynment of Monsieur
L E B A R O N D E T O V R,
extraordinaire Ambassador for the
F R E N C H K I N G.

On Saterday the 22. of F E B R U A R Y. 1617.

M A R T.

. Quid titulum poscis? Versus duo trësue legantur.

1617.

The title-page of the Quarto, 1617

(LOVERS MADE MEN.)
THE FRONT BEFORE THE
SCENE, was an Arch-Triumphall.

On the top of which, HUMANITIE placed in figure, sate with her lap full of flowers, scattering them with her right hand ; and holding a golden chaine in her left hand : to shew both the freedome, and the bond of Courtesie, with this inscription.

SVPER OMNIA VULTVS.

On the two sides of the Arch }
CHEEREFVLNES, } her servants. 10
and READINES,

CHEEREFVLNES, in a loose flowing garment, filling out wine from an antique piece of plate ; with this word, Adsit lætitiæ dator.	READINES, a winged Mayd, with two flaming bright lights in her hands ; and her word, 15 Amor addidit alas.
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*The Scene discovered, is (on the one side) the head of a Boate, and in it CHARON putting off from the shore, having landed certaine imagined ghosts, whom MERCURY there receives, and encourageth to come on towards the River 20
 LETHE, who appeares lying in the person of an old man.
 The FATES sitting by him on his banke ; a grove of*

Title. Reprinted in F2 on a full page, omitting ' Louers made Men ' and putting ' 1617 ' at the foot of the page as if it were the date of printing.
 2 was not in Q 3 -Triumphall.] -Triumphall, Q 3 sate] sits Q
 5 left hand] left Q Courtesie,] Courtesie. Q 10 CHEEREFVLNES,] CHEEREFVLNES Q 11 READINES,] READINES Q 11 Mayd,] Maid Q 15 this word,] this word Q, F her word,] her word Q : her word. F 20 on] on, Q 22 banke ; a] banke. A Q

myrtles behinde them, presented in perspective, and growing thicker to the outer side of the Scene. MERCURY, perceiving them to faint, calls them on, and shews them his golden rod. And the whole Maske was sung (after the Italian manner) *Stylo recitativo*, by Master Nicholas Lanier; who ordered and made both the Scene, and the Musicke.

MERCURY.

30 **N**Ay, faint not now, so neere the fields of rest.
Here no more furies, no more torments dwell,
Then each hath felt alreadie in his brest;
Who hath beene once in love, hath prov'd his Hell.

Up then, and follow this my golden rod,
35 That points you next to aged LETHES shore,
Who poures his waters from his urne abroad,
Of which but tasting, you shall faint no more.

LETHE.

Stay, who, or what phantastique shades are these
40 That HERMES leads?

MERCURY.

They are the gentle formes,
Of Lovers, tost upon those frantique seas,
Whence VENUS sprung.

LETHE.

45 And have rid out her storms?

MERCURY.

No.

LETHE.

50 Did they perish?

23 *in perspective* not in Q 24 *thicker*] *thicker*, Q *outer*] *other* Q
24-8 MERCURY, . . . *Musicke.* not in Q 28 *ordered*] *or der ed* F 30
rest.] rest, Q 32 *brest* ;] *brest*, Q 49-50 LETHE. Did] LETHE:
Did Q

M E R C U R Y.

Yes.

L E T H E.

How ?

M E R C U R Y.

55

Drown'd by love,

That drew them forth with hopes as smooth as were
Th'unfaithfull waters he desir'd 'hem prove.

L E T H E.

And turn'd a tempest, when he had 'hem there ?

60

M E R C U R Y.

He did, and on the billow would he roule,

And laugh to see one *throw his heart away,*

Another sighing, *vapour forth his soule,*

A third, to *melt himselfe in teares,* and say,

65

O Love, I now to salter water turne

Then that I die in ; then, a fourth, to crie

Amid the surges, *oh ! I burne, I burne :*

A fift, laugh out, *it is my ghost, not I.*

And thus in paires I found 'hem. Onely one

70

There is, that walkes, and stops, and shakes his head,

And shuns the rest, as glad to be alone,

And whispers to himselfe, *he is not dead.*

F A T E S.

No more are all the rest.

75

M E R C U R Y.

No ?

I. F A T E.

No.

58, 60 'hem Q : them F 63-9 *throw . . . not I.] The italicized*
words in roman in Q 65 and say,] and say F 68 surges, Q :
surges ; F oh !] oh Q 73 *he . . . dead roman in Q*

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M E R C V R Y.

But, why
Proceeds this doubtfull voyce from destiny ?

F A T E S.

It is too sure.

85

M E R C V R Y.

Sure ?

2. F A T E.

I. Thinkes M E R C V R Y,
That any things, or names on earth doe die,
90 That are obscur'd from knowledge of the F A T E S,
Who keepe all rolls ?

3. F A T E.

And know all natures dates ?

M E R C V R Y.

95 They say themselves, *th(ey)'are dead.*

I. F A T E.

It not appears,
Or, by our rocke.

100 2. F A T E.
Our spindle.

3. F A T E.

Or our sheercs.

F A T E S.

Here all their threds are growing yet, none cut.

105

M E R C V R Y.

I 'gin to doubt, that *Love* with charmes hath put
This phant'sie in 'hem ; and they onely thinke
That they are ghosts.

88 I.] I : Q 90 FATES.] FATES followed by the mark of a lead in
F : FATES ; Q 95 themselves, *th'are dead*] themselves th'are dead
Q 97 appeares,] appeares. Q, F : appears, F₃ 104 growing
yet, W : growing, yet Q, F 106 I 'gin] I' gin Q: I'gin F

<1.> F A T E.

If so, then let 'hem drinke
Of L E T H E S streame. 110

<2.> F A T E.

'Twill make 'hem to forget
L O V E S name.

<3.> F A T E.

And so, they may recover yet ! 115

M E R C V R Y.

{ Doe, bow unto the reverend lake :
And having touch'd there ; up, and shake
The shadowes off, which yet doe make 120
Us you, and you your-selves mistake.

*Here they all stoope to the water, and dance forth their Anti-
masque in severall gestures, as they liv'd in love : And re-
tyring into the Grove, before the last person be off the Stage ;
the first couple appeare in their posture between the trees, 125
readie to come forth, changed.*

M E R C V R Y.

See ! see ! they are themselves agen !

1. F A T E.

Yes, now the<y>'are substances, and men. 130

2. F A T E.

L O V E, at the name of L E T H E flies.

L E T H E.

For, in oblivion drown'd, he dyes.

109, 112, 115] 1. 2. 3. W 116 yet !] yet. Q 118 Doe] Go W, G
[To the Shades.] add G 122 Antimasque] antimasque, Q 125
posture] posture, Q 126 forth] fourth Q 130 they're]

they are Q : the're F

135

3. F A T E.

He must not hope, though other states
He oft subdue, he can the F A T E S.

F A T E S.

140

'Twere insolence, to thinke his powres
Can worke on us; or equall ours.

C H O R U S.

145

Returne, returne,
Like lights to burne
On earth,

For others good :
Your second birth
Will fame old L E T H E S flood,
And warne a world,
That now are hoord

150

About in tempest, how they prove
Shadowes for *Love*.
Leape forth : your light it is the nobler made,
By being strooke out of a shade.

Here they dance forth their entrie, or first dance : after which,

155

C V P I D *appearing, meets them.*

WHy, now you take me ! these are rites
That grace *Loves* dayes, and crowne his nights !
These are the motions, I would see,
And praise, in them that follow mee !
160 Not sighes, nor tears, nor wounded hearts,
Nor flames, nor ghosts : but ayrie parts
Try'd, and refin'd as yours have bin,
And such they are, I glory in !

140 us; or] vs, and Q 142 returne] Returne Q, F 150
About] Aboue Q 154 which,] which Q, F 155 CVPID]
CVPID—Q, F 163 in ! corr. F : in. Q : in F originally

M E R C U R Y.

Looke, looke unto this snakie rod, 165
 And stop your eares, against the charming god ;
 His every word, falls from him, is a snare :
 Who have so lately knowne him, should beware.

Here they Dance their maine dance, which ended,

C V P I D. 170

Come, doe not call it C V P I D S crime,
 You were thought dead before your time.
 If thus you move to H E R M E S will
 Alone ; you will be thought so still.
 Goe, take the Ladies forth, and talke, 175
 And touch, and taste too : Ghosts can walke.
 'Twixt eyes, tongues, hands, the mutuall strife
 Is bred, that tries the truth of life.
 They doe, indeed, like dead men move,
 That thinke they live, and not in love ! 180

*Here they take forth the Ladyes, and the Revells follow :
 after which,*

M E R C U R Y.

Nay, you should never have left off :
 But stay'd, and heard your C V P I D scoff, 185
 To finde you in the line you were.

C V P I D.

Your too much wit, breeds too much feare.

M E R C U R Y.

Good Flie, good night. 190

166 eares,] eares Q : ear es, F 172 dead] dead, Q 174 Alone]
 A lone F 180 love !] loue. Q 185 CVPID] generall CVPID Q
 188 Your] HERMES, your Q

C V P I D.

But, will you go ?

Can you leave L o v E, and he intreat you so ?

Here, take my quiver, and my bow,

195 My torches too ; that you, by all, may know

I meane no danger to your stay :

This night, I will create my holiday,

And be Yours, naked, and entire.

M E R C V R Y.

200 As if that L o v E, dis-arm'd, were lesse a fire ?

Away, away.

They Dance their going out : which done,

M E R C V R Y.

Yet lest that V E N V S wanton Sonne

205 Should, with the world, be quite undone,

For your faire sakes (you brighter starres,

Who have beheld these civill warres)

F A T E is content, these Lovers here

Remaine still such : so L o v E will sweare

210 Never to force them act to doo,

But what he will call H E R M E S too.

C V P I D.

I sweare : and with like cause thanke M E R C V R Y,

As these have, to thanke him, and destiny.

215

C H O R V S.

All then take cause of joy : for who hath not ?

Old L E T H E, that their follies are forgot ;

We, that their lives unto their fates they fit :

They, that they still shall love, and love with wit.

The End.

192 But, Q : But F 198 Yours, Q : yours F 204 Sonne Q :
 Sonne, F 205 Should, Q : Should F 207 warres) Q : warres.) F
 211 too] to F3

THE VISION OF DELIGHT

THE TEXT

First printed in the Folio of 1640 in the section of the Masques on signatures C 4 verso, D 1 to 3 recto, pages 16–21. The Newcastle manuscript (Harley 4955) has on folios 40 and 41 without any heading the speeches of Phantasy (ll. 57–125); such readings as we have quoted are marked ‘N’ in the critical apparatus. From the use of the present tense in the stage-direction at lines 115–17, ‘comes forth’, ‘proceeds’, it appears to have been taken from a copy used for the performance and earlier than the printed text.

THE
VISION OF
DELIGHT
PRESENTED AT
COURT IN
CHRISTMAS,
1617.

THE SCENE.

A Street in perspective of faire building discovered.

DELIGHT

Is seene to come as afarre off, accompanied with
Grace, Love, Harmonie, Revell, Sport, Laughter. 5
WONDER *following.*

DELIGHT

spake in song (*stylo recitativo.*)

Let us play, and dance, and sing,
let us now turne every sort 10
O' the pleasures of the Spring,
to the graces of a Court.

From ayre, from cloud, from dreams, from toyes,
to sounds, to sence, to love, to joyes ;
Let your shewes be new, as strange, 15
let them oft and sweetly varie ;
Let them haste so to their change,
as the Seers may not tarrie ;

20 Too long t(o)'expect the pleasing'(s)t sight
doth take away from the delight.

Here the first Anti-maske enter'd.

*A she Monster delivered of sixe Burratines, that dance with
sixe Pantalones, which done,*

DELIGHT, *spoke againe.*

25 Yet heare what your delight doth pray :
all sowre and sullen looks away,
that are the servants of the day ;
Our sports are of the humorous night,
Who feeds the stars that give her light,
30 and useth (then her wont) more bright,
to help the vision of DELIGHT.

*Here the Night rises, and tooke her Chariot bespangled
with starres.*

DELIGHT, *proceeds.*

35 See, see her Scepter, and her Crowne
are all of flame, and from her gowne
a traine of light comes waving down.
This night in dew she will not steepe
the braine, nor locke the sence in sleepe ;
40 but all awake with *Phantomes* keepe,
and those to make DELIGHT more deep.

*By this time the Night, and Moone being both risen ; Night
hovering over the place, sung.*

Breake, *Phant'sie*, from thy cave of cloud,
45 and spread thy purple wings ;
Now all thy figures are allow'd,
and various shapes of things ;

19 pleasing'st G : pleasing't F: pleasing F3 23 done,] done F
25 pray : G : pray F 27 day ;] day, F 32 tooke] takes W
bespangled] be spangled F 39 the braine] The braine F 40
awake] awake, F 43 sung] Sung F (separated from 'place' and
centred) 44 Breake, *Phant'sie*,] Breake *Phant'sie* F

Create of ayrie formes, a streame ;
 it must have bloud, and naught of fleame,
 And though it be a waking dreame ; 50
 } Yet let it like an odour rise
The Quire. } to all the Sences here,
 } And fall like sleep upon their eies,
 } or musick in their eare.

*The Scene here changed to Cloud, and Phant'sie breaking 55
 forth, spake.*

Bright Night, I obey thee, and am come at thy call,
 But it is no one dreame that can please these all ;
 Wherefore I would know what Dreames would delight 'em ;
 For never was Phant'sie more loth to affright 'em. 60
 And Phant'sie, I tell you, has dreams that have wings,
 And dreams that have honey, and dreams that have stings ;
 Dreames of the maker, and Dreames of the teller,
 Dreames of the kitchin, and Dreames of the Cellar :
 Some that are tall, and some that are Dwarfes, 65
 Some that are halter'd, and some that weare scarffes ;
 Some that are proper, and signifie o' thing,
 And some another, and some that are nothing :
 For say the French Verdingale, and the French hood
 Were here to dispute ; must it be understood, 70
 A feather, for a wispe, were a fit moderator ?
 Your Ostritch, beleve it, 's no faithfull translator
 Of perfect Utopian ; And then 'twere an od-piece
 To see the conclusion peepe forth at a cod-piece.
 The politique pudding hath still his two ends, 75
 Tho' the bellows, and the bag-pipe were nev'r so good
 friends :

And who can report what offence it would be
 For the Squirrell to see a Dog clime a tree ?

52-3 *Quire.*] *Quire* F 57 call, N : call F 58 dreame] Dreame, N
 59 know] know, N 61 Phant'sie, . . . you,] Phantsie . . . you F
 66 are halter'd N : were halter'd F : wear halters F. *Cunningham conj.*
 70 understood,] understood F 71 wispe, N : wispe F 72
 Ostritch, . . . it's] Ostritch . . . it's F 73 'twere G : it were F 76
 Tho'] Tho F and the] and W nev'r] ne'er W

- If a Dreame should come in now, to make you afeard,
 80 With a Windmill on his head, and bells at his beard ;
 Would you streight weare your spectacles, here, at your toes,
 And your boots o' your browes, and your spurs o' your nose ?
 Your Whale he will swallow a hogs-head for a pill ;
 But the maker o' the mouse-trap, is he that hath skill.
 85 And the nature of the Onion, is to draw teares,
 As well as the Mustard ; peace, pitchers have eares,
 And Shitlecocks wings; these things, doe not mind'em.
 If the Bell have any sides, the clapper will find'em :
 There's twice so much musicke in beating the tabor,
 90 As i' the Stock-fish, and somewhat lesse labour.
 Yet all this while, no proportion is boasted
 'Twixt an egge, and an Oxe, though both have been roasted,
 For grant the most Barbers can play o' the Citterne,
 Is it requisite a Lawyer should plead to a Ghitterne ?
 95 You will say now, the Morris-bells were but bribes
 To make the heele forget that ev'r it had kibes ;
 I say, let the wine make nev'r so good jelly,
 The conscience o' the bottle, is much i' the belly :
 For why ? doe but take common Councell i' your way,
 100 And tell me who'le then set a bottle of hay
 Before the old Usurer, and to his horse
 A slice of salt-butter, perverting the course
 Of civill societie ? Open that gap,
 And out skip your fleas, foure and twenty at a clap,
 105 With a chaine and a trundle-bed following at th'heelles,
 And will they not cry then, the world runs a wheeles :
 As for example, a belly, and no face,
 With the bill of a Shoveler, may here come in place ;
 The haunches of a Drum, with the feet of a pot,
 110 And the tayle of a Kentishman to it ; why not ?
 Yet would I take the stars to be cruell,
 If the Crab, and the Ropemaker ever fight duell,

79 now, N : now F 83 swallow N : swallow, F 87 wings ;]
 wings, F things,] things F 'em.] 'em, F 92 'Twixt] T'wixt F
 94 plead] play N 97 say,] say F 99 why ?] why, N 103
 Open N : open F 104 at] in N 106 a] on N

On any dependance, be it right, be it wrong.
But mum ; a thread may be drawne out too long.

Here the second Anti-masque of Phantasmes came forth, 115
which danced,

PHANT'SIE proceeded.

Why, this, you will say, was phantasticall now,
As the Cocke, and the Bull, the Whale, and the Cow ;
But vanish away, I have change to present you, 120
And such as (I hope) will more truly content you :
Behold the gold-haird *Houre* descending here,
That keeps the gate of Heaven, and turnes the yeare,
Alreadie with her sight, how she doth cheare,
And makes another face of things appeare. 125

Here one of the Houres descending, the whole Scene changed to
the Bower of Zephyrus, whilst Peace sung, as followeth.

Why looke you so, and all turne dumbe !
to see the opener of the New-yeare come ?
My presence rather should invite, 130
and ayd, and urge, and call to your delight.
The many pleasures that I bring
are all of youth, of heate, of life, and spring,
And were preparad to warme your blood,
not fixe it thus as if you Statues stood. 135

The Quire. } We see, we heare, we feele, we taste,
we smell the change in every flowre,
we onely wish that all could last,
and be as new still as the houre.

113 wrong.] wrong, F 115 Phantasmes] Phantos'mes F :
Phantomes N came] comes N 116 which] That N danced,]
daunced, N: danced. F 117 proceeded] proceeds N 118 Why,
this, . . . say,] Why ? this . . . say F 120 After 'away,' [They
retire.] G 121 as (I hope) N: as I hope F 127 whilst] whilst, F
followeth.] followeth F 131 delight.] delight, F 135 you
Statues W: your Statutes F: your Statues F3 136 We] we F
137-8 Quire.] Quire F

140 *The Song ended, W O N D E R spake.*

- W O N D E R must speake, or breake ; what is this ? Growes
 The wealth of Nature here, or Art ? It showes
 As if *Favonius*, father of the Spring,
 Who, in the verdant Meads, doth reigne sole king,
 145 Had rowsd him here, and shooke his feathers, wet
 With purple-swelling Nectar ? and had let
 The sweet and fruitfull dew fall on the ground
 To force out all the flowers that might be found ?
 Or a *Minerva* with her neede had
 150 Th'enamoured earth with all her riches clad,
 And made the downie *Zephire* as he flew
 Still to be followd with the Springs best hue ?
 The gaudie Peacocke boasts not in his traine,
 So many lights and shadowes, nor the raine-
 155 Resolving *Iris*, when the Sun doth court her,
 Nor purple Phesant while his Aunt doth sport her
 To heare him crow ; and with a pearched pride
 Wave his dis-coloured necke, and purple side.
 I have not seene the place could more surprize,
 160 It looks (me thinkes) like one of natures eyes,
 Or her whole bodie set in art ? Behold !
 How the blew Binde-weed doth it selfe infold
 With Honey-suckle, and both these intwine
 Themselves with Bryonie, and Jessamine,
 165 To cast a kinde and odoriferous shade !

P H A N T ' S I E.

How better then they are, are all things made
 By W O N D E R ! But a while refresh thine eye,
 Ile put thee to thy oftner, what, and why ?

140 ended, WbNDER] ended. | WONDER F 141 WONDER]
 WONDERR F Growes] growes F 142 It] it F 144 Meads,]
 Meads F 146 purple-swelling] purple swelling F 155 her,]
 ber F 156 sport her] sporth F 158 side.] side ? F 161
 Behold] behold F 162 blew Binde-weed] Blew-binde weed F
 165 shade !] shade ? F 168 WONDER !] WONDER ? F

*Here (to a loud musicke) the Bower opens, and the Maskers 170
(are) discovered, as the glories of the Spring.*

W O N D E R againe spake.

Thou wilt indeed ; what better change appears ?
Whence is it that the ayre so sudden cleares,
And all things in a moment turne so milde ? 175
Whose breath or beams, have got proud earth with child,
Of all the treasure that great Natur(e)'s worth,
And makes her every minute to bring forth ?
How comes it Winter is so quite forc't hence,
And lockt up under ground ? that every sence 180
Hath severall objects ? Trees have got their heads,
The fields their coats ? that now the shining Meads
Doe boast the *Paunce*, the *Lillie*, and the *Rose* ;
And every flower doth laugh as *Zephire* blowes ?
That Seas are now more even then the Land ? 185
The Rivers runne as smoothed by his hand ;
Onely their heads are crisped by his stroake :
How plaies the Yeareling with his brow scarce broke
Now in the open Grasse ? and frisking Lambs
Make wanton Salts about their drie-suckt Dams ; 190
Who to repaire their bags doe rob the fields ?
How is't each bough a severall musicke yeilds ?
The lusty *Throstle*, early *Nightingale*
Accord in tune, though varie in their tale ?
The chirping *Swallow* cald forth by the Sun, 195
And crested *Larke* doth his division run ?
The yellow *Bees*, the ayre with murmure fill ?
The *Finches* caroll, and the *Turtles* bill ?
Whose power is this ? what God ?

P H A N T ' S I E

200

Behold a King

Whose presence maketh this perpetuall *Spring*,
The glories of which Spring grow in that Bower,
And are the marks and beauties of his power.

205 *To which the Quire answered.*

'Tis he, 'tis he, and no power els,
That makes all this what *Phant'sie* tels ;
The founts, the flowers, the birds, the bees,
The heards, the flocks, the grasse, the trees,
210 Do all confesse him ; but most *These*
Who call him lord of the foure Seas,
King of the lesse and greater Iles,
And all those happy when he smiles.

Advance, his favour calls you to advance,
215 And do your (this nights) homage in a dance.

Here they danced their entry, after which they sung againe.

Againe, againe ; you cannot be
Of such a true delight too free,
Which who once saw would ever see ;
220 And if they could the object prize,
Would while it lasts not thinke to rise,
But wish their bodies all were eyes.

They Danc'd their maine Dance, after which they sung.

In curious knots and mazes so
225 The Spring at first was taught to go ;
And *Zephire*, when he came to wooe
His *Flora*, had their motions too,
And thence did *Venus* learne to lead
Th' *Idalian* Braules, and so <to> tread
230 As if the wind, not she did walke ;
Nor prest a flower, nor bow'd a stalke.

*They Danc'd with Ladies, and the whole Revells followed ;
after which Aurora appeared (the Night and
Moone descended) and this Epilogue
235 followed.*

206 'Tis . . . 'tis] Tis . . . tis F els,] els F 208 bees]
Bees F 215 a] a' F 229 to W 234 Moone descended)]
Moone) descended, F: Moon being descended G

⟨*Aurora.*⟩

I was not wearier where I lay
By frozen *Tythons* side to night ;
Then I am willing now to stay,
And be a part of your delight.

240

But I am urged by the Day,
Against my will, to bid you come away.

The Quire.

They yeild to Time, and so must all.
As Night to sport, Day doth to action call,
Which they the rather doe obey,
Because the Morne, with Roses strew's the way.

245

Here they Danc'd their going off, and Ended.

242 will,] will *F*

248 and] and *F*

**PLEASURE RECONCILED
TO VIRTUE**

THE TEXT

First printed in the Folio of 1640 in the section of the Masques on signatures D 3 verso to E 3 recto, pages 22 to 29. But there is an earlier text, contemporary with the performance, in a manuscript now at Chatsworth belonging to the Duke of Devonshire. It was recorded in the Third Report of the Historical Manuscripts Commission, 1872, Appendix, page 43, with the extraordinary description 'A 12mo volume, paper, 16th century. Plenum reconciled to Kulum. (A Masque, 12 leaves)'. A short summary of the masque follows. The manuscript has sixteen leaves, in two gatherings of eight, measuring six inches by four. The margins are ruled to make a border for the text. The title 'PLEASVRE reconcild to VERTVE' is on folio 1a, the verso being blank; the text is on folios 2a to 12a. The water-marks are the letter 'N' on folios 4 verso and 12 verso, and a large 'J' with an ornament above it on folios 7 verso and 16 verso. The text is finely written in a compact form, to be carried in the hand, if need be, at the performance. It is a copy made for presentation to a courtier, either a performer or a patron. It uses the present tense in the descriptions and stage-directions, picturing the scene as it passes before the eye of the spectator. Thus, in lines 115-19 'After this, the whole *Groue* vanisheth, and the whole *Musiq* is discoverd, sitting at y^e foote of y^e *Mountaine*, wth *Pleasure* & *Vertue* seated about y^{em}: The *Quire* invyte *Hercules* to rest wth this Song.' In the printed text '*vanished*', '*was discovered*', and '*The Quire invited*' are substituted.

The descriptions and stage-directions are in large English hand; the speeches are in the English, the songs in the Italian hand. Folios 5a and 10a (ll. 83-99, 274-92), here reproduced, show these various hands.

The manuscript has valuable corrections of the Folio text. In line 21 of the opening speech it reads 'both hogshead and Tun' for 'the hogshead and tun' of the Folio, the

printer repeating ' the ' from the preceding list ' The harth, and the range, the dogge, and the wheele '. There is an important correction later in the speech (ll. 23-4) :

and since, wth y^e funnel ; an hyppocras bag
h' has made of himself, y^t now he cries swag.

The Folio has

And since with the funnell, and *Hippocras* bag,
H'as made of himselfe, that now he cries swag ;

The Hippocras bag was a conical bag of cotton or other material used as a strainer, and the lines mean ' he has made a Hippocras bag of himself, so that now he proclaims himself a swag-belly '. In the stage-direction of lines 214-16 the Quire and the masquers come forth ' from y^e Lap of y^e Mountaine ', not from the ' *top* ', as in the Folio. The mountain is called upon to open :

Ope, aged Atlas, open then thy lap.

The performers are not perched on the summit. ' *You* ' and ' *your* ' in lines 266 and 287 are corrupted to ' *they* ' and ' *their* ' in the Folio, the printer misreading the context. Two words missing in the Folio text, which marks the lacunae with a dash, are preserved in the manuscript in lines 292 and 316 :

iust to y^e tune you moue your limbes

where the Folio omits ' *tune* ' ; and

but euer ouer come-it.

where the Folio by an error of haplography omits ' *euer* '. Jonson's spelling ' *Herões* ', found in his autograph manuscript of *The Masque of Queens* (l. 687), is preserved in line 100 :

of thirstie *Herões* after labour hard.

The Folio prints ' *Heroes* ', and so, but for the manuscript, we should naturally read the line.

There are few errors in the manuscript : ' *her* ' for ' *are* ' (l. 94), ' *give* ' for ' *gives* ' (l. 209), ' *Dædulus* ' (l. 244), and

'heighting' (l. 285); and Jonson could not have spelt 'discendeth' or 'discent' (ll. 165, 236).

The Folio text is a slight revision: stage-directions are put in the past tense, and there are a few trivial changes of reading, one of which appears to be authoritative—

(Here on this Mountaine bred,)

in line 128 for 'vpon this Mountaine bred'. In line 285 the Manuscript is probably right in reading

*instructed to the height⟨n⟩ing sence
of dignitie, and reuerence . . .*

It is a subtler reading than the Folio's '*Instructed by the heightning sence*'.

In view of the unique character of the Manuscript, which has not been printed before, we have decided to base our text upon it. We have corrected it as little as possible, inserting purely necessary stops, printing initial 'v' for 'u' and beginning a sentence with a capital letter.¹ In the matter of punctuation the two texts, generally speaking, correct each other. The copyist, it may be noted, showed a marked fondness for the colon, which he was apt to overwork. The Manuscript is beautifully written with extreme care, and its lapses are trivial. If the Folio was set up from Jonson's autograph, the printer, over and above his omissions and misreadings, certainly tampered with Jonson's punctuation. In lines 145–54 the Manuscript preserves a subtle pointing which no scribe was likely to invent. It is the moment when Hercules is asleep and the Pygmies find him and plan to attack him. The passage runs in the Manuscript:—

2. *Pig.* he is yonder.

1. where?

3. at the hill foote; a sleep.

1. Let one goe steale his Club

2. my charge: ile creep.

¹ For example, before lines 23, 25, 33, 90, 91, 97, 123, 136, 139, all speeches in lines 145–53, 163, 226, 242–3, 245, 247, 294, 306, 315, 333, 346. These are not recorded in the critical apparatus.

4. he is ours.
1. Yes : peace.
3. triumph : we haue him, Boy.
4. Sure ; sure : he is sure.
1. Come ; let us daunce for ioy.

For the semicolons and colons the Folio substitutes commas : this is exactly how a printer would be liable to treat the pointing. But the heavier stops suggest the frightened whispers and pauses of the Pygmies.

Here the .I.
ACT MASQUE
after which
HERCULES.

What rested are y^e breads Earth more Monye get.
Anteus saith is wile: w^{ch} get can begett
his store (as say) sup^r contraited upon Earth
is Earth so fruit full of fire orment dissonant
or cause his wile was, Insumant
Supt she, w^{ch} bitious hospitaliti
to work an exiation, first? And then
Deep Virtue V^{er}is her Spongers, & w^{ch} m^{ch}
Doubles? m^{ch} w^{ch} steeled? g^oest a hun^d of paung
S^oro: & y^e other g^oest t^orust fete in g^oung
w^{ch}st Feast? y^e Bellies? Comus? And my Cup
brouget in to fill y^e drunken Organs, w^{ch}
& g^ore abuse? y^e w^{ch} y^e round round

P L E A S V R E

reconcild to

V E R T V E .

The Scene

the

Mountaine

ATLAS.

His top ending in y^e figure of an old Man, his head & beard all hoary & frost : as if his sholders were couerd wth snow, y^e rest wood & rock : a Groue of Ivy at his feet : out of w^{ch}, to a wild Musique of *Cimbals Flutes, & Tabers*, is brought 5 forth Comus, y^e god of *cheere*, or y^e *belly*, riding in tryumph, his head crownd with roses, & other flowres ; his haire curld : They y^t wayt vpon him, crownd with Ivy, their Iavelyns don about wth it : One of them going wth Hercules *Bowle* bare before 10 him : while y^e rest present him, wth this

Song.

*Roome, roome, make roome for y^e bouncing belly,
first father of Sauce, & deuiser of gelly,
Prime master of arts, & y^e giuer of wit,
y^e found out y^e excellent ingine, y^e spit,*

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Title. After 'VERTVE'. F adds 'A Masque. AS IT WAS PRESENTED AT COVRT BEFORE KING IAMES. 1619.' Scene the] SCENE was F
1 His top] *Who had his top* F 6 forth] *forth*, F Comus,] COMVS F
8 flowres ;] *flowers*, F him,] *him* F 10 *Bowle*] *his Boule* F
11 him :] *him*, F present] *presented* F 12 Song] *Hymne* F 13
belly,] *belly* MS : *bellie*, F 14 *gelly*,] *jellie* ; F 16 *ingine*] *Engine* F

- y^e plough, & y^e flaile, y^e mill, & y^e Hopper,*
y^e hutche, & y^e bowlder, y^e furnace, & coppar,
y^e Ouen, y^e bauin, y^e mawkin, & peelee
 20 *y^e harth, & y^e range, y^e dog, & y^e wheele.*
He, he first inuented both hogshead & Tun,
y^e gimblet, & vice too ; & taught 'em to run.
And since, wth y^e funnel, an hyppocras bag
h'has made of himself, y^e now he cries swag.
 25 *W^{ch} shoves, though y^e pleasure be but of fowre inches,*
yet he is a weesell, y^e gullet that pinches,
of any delight : & not spares from y^e back
what-euer, to make of y^e belly a sack :
haile, haile, plump Panch, o y^e founder of tast
 30 *for freashmeates, or powlder, or pickle, or past.*
deuourer of broild, bak'd, roasted, or sod,
& emptier of cups, be they euen, or od.
All w^{ch} haue now made thee, so wide i' y^e waste
as scarce wth no pudding thou art to be lac'd :
 35 *but eating & drincking, vntill thou dost nod*
thou break'st all thy girdles, & breakst forth a god.

To this ; the

Bowle-bearer.

Doe yo^u heare, my ffrends : to whom doe yo^u sing all this
 40 now ? pardon me only that I ask yo^u, for I doe not looke
 for an answeare, ile answeare myself : I know it is now
 such a time as the *saturnalls* for all the world, that every
 man stands vnder the eaves of his owne hat ; & sings

17 *Hopper*] hopper F 18 *furnace,*] furnace F *coppar*] copper F
 19 *bauin*] baven F & *peelee*] the peelee F 20
wheele,] wheele, F 21 *both*] the F 22 *run.*] run, F 23
since,] since F *funnel,*] funnel ; MS : funnell, F *an*] and F
bag] bag, F 24 *h'has*] H'as F : *query* 'he'has' *swag.*] swag ; F
 25 *shoves,*] *shows* MS : *shows* F 27 *y^e*] this F (*probably a mis-*
print for 'his') *back*] backe, F 28 *what-euer,*] What ever F
 29 *haile, plump*] *haile plump* MS : so F *Panch*] paunch F *tast*] taste, F
 31 *bak'd*] back'd F 32 *od.*] odd ; F 33 *thee,*] thee F
 34 *lac'd :*] *lac'd.* MS : *lac'd.* F 35 *drincking,*] drinking F
 37 *this :*] this F 39 *heare,*] heare F *doe*] did F 41 *an* an
answeare,] an answer ; F *myself :*] my selfe, F

what please him, that's the ryte, & y^e libertie of it. Now
yo^u sing of god Comus here, the *Belly-god*. I say it is well, 45
& I say it is not well: it is well, as it is a Ballad, and y^e
Belly worthie of it I must needs say, and 'twere forty yards
of ballad, more: as much ballad as tripe: But when y^e
Belly is not edified by it, it is not well: for where did yo^u
ever read, or heare, that the Belly had any eares? Come, 50
neuer pump for an answeare, for yo^u are defeated: Our
fellow Hunger there, y^t was as auncient a Reteyder to y^e
Belly as any of vs, was turnd away, for being vnseasonable:
not vnreasonable, but vnseasonable: and now is he (poore
thingut) faine to get his living wth teaching of Starlings, 55
Mag-pies, Parotts, and Jack-dawes: those things he would
haue taught the belly. Beware of dealing wth y^e belly, the
belly will not be talkd to, especially when he is full: there
is no venturing vpon *Venter*, then; he will blow yo^u all vp:
he will thunder, indeed la: Some in derision call him the 60
father of farts: But I say, he was y^e first invento^r of great
ordynance: and taught vs to discharge 'em on feativall
daies: would we had a fit feast for him y[']faith, to show his
activitie: I would haue something fetchd in now to please
his five sences, the throat, or the two sences, y^e eyes; 65
pardon me, for my two sences; for I that carry *Hercules*
Bowle i' the service may see doble by my place: for I haue
drunck like a frogge to day. I would haue a *Tun* now,
brought in to daunce, and so many *Bottles* about it: Ha?
yo^u looke as if yo^u would make a probleme of this: do yo^u 70
see? a probleme? why *Bottles*? and why a *Tun*? and

44 please] pleases G ryte] right F 45 here,] here F *Belly-*
god.] bellie-god; F 46 well, as] well as F 47 it I] it; I F
50 eares? F: eares: MS Come,] Come F 52 there,] there F
53-4 vnseasonable: . . . vnseasonable:] unseasonable, . . . unseasonable;
F 54-5 (poore thingut)] poore thin-gut, F 56 Parotts]
parotts MS 58 to] too F 58-9 there . . . *Venter*, then] then
there . . . *Venter*, F 60 thunder,] thunder F derision] dirision F
62 ordynance:] Ordnance, F 'em] them F 63 daies:] dayes, F
64 fetchd in now] now fetcht in F 65 two sences,] two sences MS.
F 66 me,] mee F 67 doble] double F 68 day.] day: F
now,] now F 69 it] him F 70-1 do yo^u see?] doe you see?
do you see? F

why a *Tun*? and why *Bottles*? to daunce? I say, that
 men that drink hard, and serve the belly in any place of
 quality (as the *Fouiall Tinkers*, or a *lusty kindred*) are living
 75 measures of drinck: and can transforme themselues, & doe
 every daie, to *Bottles* or *Tuns* when they please: and when
 they ha' don all they can, they are, as I say agen, (for I
 thinck I said somewhat like it afore) but moving measures
 of drinck: And there is a Peece i' the Cellar can hold more
 80 then all they: this will I make good, if it please our new god,
 <but> to give a nod: for the Belly do's all by signes: and I
 am all for the belly: the truest clock i' the world to goe by.

Here the .I.
 ANTIMASQUE
 85 after which
 HERCULES.

What rytes are y^e_{is}? breeds Earth more Monster^s yet?
Antæus scarce is cold: what can beget
 this store? (& stay) such contraries vpon her?
 90 Is Earth so fruitfull of hir owne dishonor?
 Or 'cause his vice was Inhumanitie
 hopes she, wth vitious hospitalitie
 to work an expiation, first? and then
 (help Vertue) theis are Sponges, & not men.
 95 *Bottles*? meere vessells? half a tun of panch?
 how? & y^e other half thrust forth in hanch?
 Whose *Feast*? y^e Bellies? *Comus*? and my Cup
 brought in to fill y^e druncken *Orgies* vp?
 & here abusd? y^t was y^e crownd reward
 100 of thirstie *Herôes* after labour hard?
 Burdens, & shames of nature, perish, dye,

72 *Bottles*? to] bottles to F 74 a *lusty*] a *lusty* MS: the *lusty* F
 77 are,] are F 79 drinck: And] drink, and F 80 they:
 this] they. This F 81 but F 84 After 'ANTIMASQUE'
danced by Men in the shape of bottles, tuns, &c. G 90 dishonor]
 dishonour F 92 she, wth] she by F 94 are F: her MS
 men.] men MS: men: F 95, 96 panch . . . hanch] paunch . . .
 haunch F 100 *Herôes*] *Heroes*, F

for yet yo^u neuer liv'd ; But in y^e sty^e
of vice haue wallow'd ; & in y^t Swines strife
byn buried vnder the offence of life.
Goe, reele, & fall, vnder y^e load yo^u make, 105
till yo^r swolne bowells burst wth what they take.
Can this be pleasure, to extinguish man ?
or so quyte change him in his figure ? Can
y^e Belly love his paine, and be content
wth no delight, but what's a punishment ? 110
Theis *Monsters* plague y^mselues : & fitly too,
for they do suffer what, and all they doo.
But here must be no shelter, nor no shrowd
for such : Sinck *Groue*, or vanish into clowd.

After this, the whole *Groue* vanisheth, and the 115
whole *Musiq* is discoverd, sitting at y^e foote of
y^e *Mountaine*, wth *Pleasure & Vertue* seated aboue
y^{em} : The *Quire* invyte *Hercules* to rest wth this

Song.

Great frend, and seruant of the good, 120
let coole a while thy heated blood,
and from thy mightie labo^r cease.
Lye downe, lye downe,
and giue thy trobled spirits peace,
whilst Vertue, for whose sake 125
thou dost this god-like trauaile take,
may of y^e choicest herbage, make,
vpon this Mountaine bred,
a Crowne, a Crowne
for thy imortall head. 130

102 for . . . liv'd ;] (For . . . liv'd) F 104 byn] Beene F 105
make, F: make MS 106 they] you F 112 suffer] suffer ; F
they doo.] the doe, F 115 After] At F vanisheth] vanished F
116 is] was F 118 invyte] invited F 120 good,] good, F: goodMS
122 cease.] cease. F: cease MS 123 lye downe,] lye downe MS 124
peace,] peace, F: peace MS 126 take,] take MS 127 make,]
make F: make MS 128 vpon . . . bred,] vpon . . . bred MS : (Here
on . . . bred,) F

Here *Hercules* being laid downe at y^{eir} feet ; the

2. ANTIMASQUE

wth is of *Pigmees* appeeres

1. Pigmee.

- 135 *Antæus* dead ? and *Hercules* yet live ?
Where is this *Hercules* ? what wold I give
to meet him, now ? meet him ? nay, three such other,
if they had hand in murder of o^r Brother ?
Wth three ? wth fowre ? wth ten ? nay, wth as many
140 as y^e *Name* yeilds : pray Anger there be any
whereon to feed my iust revenge, and soone,
how shall I kill him ? hurle him 'gainst y^e Moone,
& break him in small portions ? give to *Greece*
his braine, & euery tract of earth a peece ?
145 2. *Pig*. He is yonder.
1. Where ?
3. At the hill foote ; a sleep.
1. Let one goe steale his Club.
2. My charge : ile creep.
150 4. He is ours.
1. Yes : peace.
3. Triumph : we haue him, Boy.
4. Sure ; sure : he is sure.
1. Come ; let vs daunce for ioy.

- 155 They *Daunce* : at y^e end wherof they think to
surprize him : when sodainely, being wak'd by the

131 y^{eir} feet ;] *their feet*, corr. F : *their, feet* F originally 133
is] was F *Pigmees*] *Pigmees* F originally : *Pigmies* corr. F appeeres]
appeared F 134 *Pigmees*] *PIGMIE* F 135 dead ? ... live ?]
dead ! ... live ! F 136 wold] would F 137 nay, ... other, F :
nay ... other MS 139 three ? ... foure ? ... ten ? MS, corr.
F : three, ... foure, ... ten F originally nay,] nay MS, F 140
yeilds :] yeelds ? F 141 soone,] soone : F 142 Moone, F :
Moone MS 144 peece ?] peece. F 147 foote :] foot, F 149
charge :] charge, F 150 He is] He's F 151 Yes :] Yes, F 152
Triumph :] Triumph, F 153 Sure ; sure :] Sure, sure, F 154
Come :] Come, F 155 They ... think] *At the end of their dance they*
thought F 156 sodainely] suddenly F wak'd] awak'd F

Musique, and rowsing himself, they all run into holes.

Song.

Wake, Hercules, awake : but heaue vp thy black ey, 160
'tis only ask'd from y^e, to looke, & theis wil dy,
or flie.

Already they are fled,
whom scorne had els left dead.

At which *Mercury* descendeth from y^e *Hill* : wth 165
a girlond of *Poplar*, to crowne him.

Mercurye.

Rest still, thou active frend of *Vertue* : Theis
shold not disturb y^e peace of *Hercules*.
Earths worms, & *Honors* dwarffs, at too great ods, 170
prove, or provoke y^e issue of y^e gods.

Se here, a *Crowne*, y^e aged *Hil* hath sent thee,
my grandsire *Atlas*, he y^t did present thee
wth y^e best Sheep, y^t in his fold were found,
or golden fruit, on y^e *hesperian* ground 175

for rescuing his faire Daughter^s : then y^e prey
of a rude *Pirat*, as thou cam'st this way.
& taught thee all y^e learning of y^e Sphere,
& how, like him, thou mightst y^e heaven vp-beare,
as y^t thy labor^s vertuous recompence. 180

He, though a *Mountaine* now, hath yet y^e sence
of thancking thee for more : thou being still
constant to goodnes : Guardian of the *Hill*.

157 *Musique*,] *Musique* ; MS *Musique*, and rowsing] *musicke*, he
rownsed F 160 *Wake*,] *Wake* MS : *Wake* F *vp*] *up* MS *ey*,]
ey MS : eye, F 161 *'tis*] *ts* MS *dy*,] *dy* MS : die, F 163
fled,] *fled* MS : *fled*, F 165 descendeth] *discendeth* MS : *descended* F
Hill :] *hill*, F 166 girlond] *garland* F *Poplar*,] *Poplar* : MS :
Poplar F 168 still,] *still* F 169 *Hercules*. F : *Hercules*, MS
170 worms,] worms : MS at . . . ods,] at . . . ods MS : (at . . . ods) F
172 Se here, a *Crowne*,] See, here a *Crowne* F 174 Sheep,] *sheepe*
F 175 fruit, on] fruit in F 177 *Pirat*,] *Pirate* F 179 how,
like him,] how like him F heaven] *heavens* F -beare,] *beare* ; F
180 recompence.] *recompence* F 182 more :] *more*, F 183
goodnes :] *goodnesse*, F *Hill*,] *hill* ; F

- Antæus*, by thee suffocated here,
 185 and y^e voluptuous *Comus*, god of cheere,
 beat from his *Groue*, & y^t defac'd : But now
 y^e time's ariv'd, y^t *Atlas* told thee of : How
 b(y)'vn-alterd law, & working of the stars,
 there should be a cessation of all iars
 190 'twixt *Vertue*, & hir noted opposite,
 Pleasure : y^t both shold meet here, in y^e sight
 of *Hesperus*, y^e glory of y^e West,
 the brightest star, y^t from his burning Crest
 lights all on this side y^e *Atlantick seas*
 195 as far as to thy *Pillars Hercules*.
 Se where He shines : *Justice*, & *Wisdom* plac'd
 about his *Throne* & those wth *Honor* grac'd,
Beautie, & *Loue*. It is not wth his Brother
 bearing y^e world, but ruling such another
 200 is his renowne. *Pleasure*, for his delight
 is reconcild to *Vertue* : and this Night
Vertue brings forth twelue *Princes* haue byn bred
 in this rough *Mountaine*, & neere *Atlas* head,
 the *hill of knowledge*. One, & cheif of whom
 205 of the bright race of *Hesperus* is come,
 Who shall in time the same y^t He is, be,
 and now is only a lesse Light then He.
 Theis now she trusts wth *Pleasure*, & to theis
 she give(s) an entraunce to the *Hesperides*,
 210 faire *Beuties garden[s]* : Neither can she feare
 they should grow soft, or wax effeminat here,

185 *Comus*, . . . cheere,] *Comus* . . . cheere F 186 defac'd :
 But] defac'd, but F 187 of : How] of, how F 188 stars,]
 Stars, F : stars MS 189 iars] jars, F 190 'twixt] twixt
 MS : Twixt F 191 here,] here F 192 West, F : West MS 193 star,] starre F
 195 *Pillars*,] *Pillars* MS : *Pillars*, F 196 *Hercules*,] *Hercules*, F
 He] he F (so 206, 207) 197 *Honor*] *honor* MS : *honour* F 198 *Loue*,] *Love* : F 200 renowne,] renowne, F 201
 grac'd F 202 forth] forth, F 203 byn] beene F 204 head,] head MS, F 205 time,] time, F 206 is,] is F 207 He,]
 he; F 209 gives F 210 *Hesperides*,] *Hesperides* MS, F 210
garden] *garden* F

Since in hir sight, & by hir charge all's don,
Pleasure y^e *Servant*, *Vertue* looking on.

Here y^e whole Quire of Musique call y^e .12.
 Masquers forth from y^e Lap of y^e Mountaine: w^{ch} 215
 now opens wth this

Song.

Ope, aged Atlas, open then thy lap
and from thy beamy bosom, strike a light,
y^t men may read in thy misterious map 220
all lines
and signes
of roial education, and the righ
Se how they come, and show
that are but borne to know. 225
Descend,
descend,
though pleasure lead,
feare not to follow :
they who are bred 230
within the hill
of skill,
may safely tread
what path they will :
no ground of good, is hollow. 235

On their descent from y^e hill
Dædalus comes downe before y^{em}.
 of whom

Hercules demaunds

Mercurie. 240

212 don,] don MS 214 call] call'd F 215 Lap] top F 216
 now opens] then opened F 218 Ope,] Ope MS, F 219 bosom,] bosome F
 light, F: light MS 220 thy] the F 223 right,] right, F 224 come, ...
 show] come ... show, F 226 Descend,] discend MS: Descend F 227
 descend,] discend MS: Descend F 228 lead, F: lead MS 229 follow:
 F: follow MS 232 skill, F: skill MS 234 will:] will MS:
 will, F 235 good,] good F 236 On] In F descent] discent
 MS 237 comes] came F 239 demaunds] questioned F

But *Hermes*, stay a litle : let me pawse.

Who's this that leads ?

Mer. A Guid y^t gives them Lawes
to all y^e_ir motions : *Dædalus* y^e wise ;

245 *Her.* And doth in sacred harmony comprize
his precepts ?

Mer. Yes.

Her. They may securely prove
then, any laborinth, though it be of *Loue*.

250 Here, while they put y^e_mselues in forme,
Dædalus hath his first

Song.

*Come on, come on ; and where you goe,
so enter-weaue the curious knot,
255 as eu'n th' obseruer scarce may know
w^{ch} lines are Pleasures, and w^{ch} not.*

*First, figure out y^e doubtfull way
at w^{ch}, a while all youth shold stay,
where she and Vertue did contend
260 w^{ch} should haue Hercules to frend.*

*Then, as all actions of mankind
are but a Laborinth, or maze,
so let your Daunces be entwin'd,
yet not perplex men, unto gaze.
265 But measur'd, and so numerous too,
as men may read each act you doo.
And when they see y^e Graces meet,
admire y^e wisdom of your feet.*

241 *Hermes*, stay a little : . . . pawse.] *Hermes* stay, a little . . . pause.
F 244 *Dædalus*] *Dædulus* MS : *Dedalus* F wise ; F : wise MS
249 then,] Then F 250 forme,] forme MS : forme, F 251 *Dædalus*] *Dedalus* F
hath] had F 253 goe,] goe MS : go, F 254 enter-
weaue] interweave F knot, F : knot MS 257 *First*,] *First* F
258 w^{ch},] which F stay, F : stay MS 259 *Vertue* F : *vertue* MS
261 Then,] Then F 262 maze,] maze MS : maze : F 263
entwin'd, F : entwin'd MS 264 men,] men F vnto] unto MS
gaze.] gaze ; F 266 you] they F 267 meet, F : meet MS

*For Dauncing is an exercise
not only shews y^e mouers wit,* 270
*but maketh y^e beholder wise,
as he hath powre to rise to it.*

1. Daunce.

After w^{ch} *Dædalus* againe.

Song. 2. 275

*O more, & more ; this was so well,
as praise wants half his voice, to tell ;
againe yourselues compose,
and now put all y^e aptnes on
of figure, that proportion* 280
or colour can disclose.

*That if those silent arts were lost,
Designe, & Picture : they might boast
from you a newer ground :
instructed to y^e height(n)ing sence* 285
*of dignitie, and reuerence,
in your true motions found :*

*Begin, begin ; for looke, y^e faire
do longing listen, to what aire
you forme your second touch,* 290
*that y^e may vent y^er murmuring hymnes
iust to y^e tune you moue your limbes,
and wish y^er owne were such.*

*Make haste, make haste, for this
the Laborinth of Beautie is.*

The .2. Daunce :
that ended : *Dædalus*.

270 wit, F: wit MS 271 beholder] beholders F wise, F: wise
MS 273 1.] the first F 274 Dædalus] Dedalus F (so 297) 276
more ;] more, F well, F: well MS 277 voice,] uoice, MS: voyce F
tell ;] tell, F 282 lost, F: lost MS 283 Picture : . . . boast] picture, . . .
boast, F 285 to] by F heightning F 286 reuerence, F: reuerence
MS 287 your] their F 288 looke, F: looke MS 289 longing
listen,] longing, listen F 290 touch,] touch MS: touch ; F 292 y^e
tune you] the — you F limbes,] limbes MS: lmbes, F 296 .2.
Daunce : . . . ended :] The second Dance. . . . ended. F

Song. 3.

- 300 *It followes now, you are to proue*
the subtlest maze of all : that's Loue,
and if you stay too long,
y^e faire wil thinck, you do 'em wrong.
Goe choose among—But wth a mind
as gentle as y^e stroaking wind
 305 *runs ore the gentler flowres.*
And so let all your actions smile,
as if they meant not to beguile
the Ladies, but y^e howres.
Grace, Laughter, & discourse, may meet,
 310 *and yet, the beautie not goe les :*
for what is noble, should be sweet,
but not dissolu'd in wantonnes.
Will you, that I giue y^e law
to all your sport, & some-it ?
 315 *It should be such shold envy draw,*
but euer ouercome-it.

Here They *Daunce* wth the *Ladies* : and y^e whole
 Reuells follow : w^{ch} ended.

- Mercury* calls to him in this following speech :
 320 w^{ch} is after repeated in Song, by 2. *trebles*, 2. *ten-*
nors, a *base*, and y^e whole Chorus.

Song. 4.

- An eye of looking back, were well,*
or any murmur that wold tell
 325 *yo^r thoughts, how you were sent,*
and went,

299 now,] now F 300 all :] all, F 302 thinck,] thinke F 307-8
 beguile . . . Ladies,] beguile, . . . Ladies F 309 discourse,] discourse F
 meet, F : meet MS 310 yet,] yet F les :] les MS : lesse : F 311
 noble,] noble F sweet, F : sweet MS 313 you,] you F 314 sport,]
 sport F some-it ?] some-it, F 315 shold] should F 316 but euer ouer-
 come-it,] but euer ouer come-it. MS : but — overcome it. F 317 They
 Daunce] they Danced F 318 follow :] followed ; F ended,] ended, F
 319 calls] cald F him] DÆDALUS G 320 is] was F Song,] Song F
 323 back,] backe F 325 sent, F : sent. MS 326 went,] went F

to walke wth Pleasure, not to dwell.

*Theis, theis are howres, by Vertue spar'd
herself, she being hir owne reward,*

But she will haue you know, 330

that though

hir sports be soft, hir life is hard.

You must returne vnto y^e Hill,

and there aduaunce

wth labour, and inhabit still 335

that height, and crowne,

from whence you euer may looke downe

vpou triumphed Chaunce.

She, she it is, in darknes shines.

'tis she y^e still hir-self refines, 340

by hir owne light, to euerie eye,

more seene, more knowne, when Vice stands by.

And though a stranger here on earth,

in heauen she hath hir right of birth.

There, there is Vertues seat. 345

Striue to keepe hir your owne,

'tis only she, can make you great,

though place, here, make you knowne.

After w^{ch}, They daunce y^{eir} last Daunce, and
returne into y^e Scene : w^{ch} closeth, and is a Moun- 350
taine againe, as before.

327 *Pleasure, . . . dwell.* F: *pleasure . . . dwell*, MS 328 *howres,*
houres F 329 *reward,* reward: F 330 *know,* F: *know* MS
333 *Hill,* Hill F 334 *there* their F 335 *still* F: *still*, MS
336 *height,* height F 338 *upon* upon MS 339 *is,* is F
340 *'tis* *is* MS refines, F: *refines* MS 341 *light,* light F
342 *knowne,* knowne F Vice] vice MS, F 343 *earth,* F: *earth*
MS 345 *seat,* seat MS: *seate*, F 347 *she,* she F *great,* F:
great MS 348 *place,* place MS 349 *They daunce* they Danced
F 349-50 *and returne* returned F 350 *closeth, and is* closed,
and was F After 351 *The End. This pleas'd the KING so well, as he*
ould see it againe, when it was presented with these additions. F.

10.

After wth Daedalus againe
Song. 2.

O more, & more; this was so well
 as praise wants half his voice, to tell,
 againe yourselues compose,
 and now put all y^e aptnes on
 of figure, that proportion
 or colour can disclose.
 That if those silent arts were lost
 Designe, & Lecture: they might boast
 from you a newer ground:
 instructed to y^e heighting since
 of dignitie, and reuerence
 in your true motions found.
 Begin, begin; for looke y^e faire
 do longing listn, to what airt
 you forme your second touch
 that y^e may vent y^e murmuring hymns
 iust to y^e tune you moue your limbes

FOR THE HONOUR OF WALES

THE TEXT

First printed in the Folio of 1640 in the Masque section on signatures E 3 verso to F 3 verso, pages 30–8. The badly printed Welsh phrases offer a serious difficulty. In correcting them two factors have to be taken into account—Jonson's knowledge of the language, and the difficulty it gave the printer. To take an example: in line 212 the Folio prints '*spewch humma ven nayd Dumma braveris*'; in modern Welsh '*Eistewch yma f'enaïd, Dyma braveries*', i.e. 'Sit here, my dear, here <are> braveries'. For '*spewch*' Jonson certainly wrote '*stewch*', and for the two words '*ven nayd*' he wrote '*vennayd*'. We have accordingly revised Folio misspellings and Folio misspaciings of words, and attempted—so far as we can trace it—to reproduce Jonson's script. He had read Giraldus Cambrensis and Camden's *Britannia*, which help to correct the Folio's blundering over place-names, '*Aber dugled haw*', for example, instead of '*Aber dugledhaw*' (Milford Haven, in line 179), and '*Abes hodney*' for '*Aberhodney*' (Brecon, in line 180): this last should be '*Aber-Honnddu*', but Giraldus Cambrensis spells it '*Aberhodni*'. A full elucidation of these linguistic difficulties, in which we have been helped by Professor James Fraser, must be left for the Commentary.

The third edition of *Wits Recreation*, published in 1645 with the title *Recreation for Ingenious Head-peeces*, has extracts from Jonson copied from the 1640 Folio. The extracts for the Masques are lines 217–84 of the present masque *The Welsh mans praise of Wales* (sigs. Y 4^v to 6^r), *The Bearherds* (ll. 166–225 of *The Masque of Augurs*), and two extracts from *The Gypsies Metamorphosed*, lines 121–232, and 1169–1243. There are also some of Jonson's poems, among which 'A fit of Rime against Rime' (*Underwoods*, xxix) is strangely chosen. With the exception of the Welsh song the extracts are badly printed copies of the Folio text; but this song was touched up in order to improve the Welsh wording and pronunciation: for example, '*Prut*' for

'*Brut*' in the first line ; ' the Welse do's take hur root ' for '*the Welse do's take his root*' in the second line. We have quoted these readings in the critical apparatus and marked them ' R '.

In correcting the sham Welsh pronunciation we have altered only those words which the printer was liable to misread, 'yow' and 'Pritaine' for instance ; but '*Brut*' in line 217 is likely to be a slip of Jonson's, and so is 'come' wherever it replaces 'cym'. The use of *p* for *b* is not consistent ; for instance 'big' in line 86. With Fluellen's '*Alexander the Pig*' for a precedent it is tempting to adopt the initial *p*, but the *b* may have been an oversight of the author.

FOR THE HONOUR OF WALES.

*The SCENE standing as before, a Mountaine ; but
now the name changed from ATLAS, to CRAIG-
ERIRI.*

Enter <3.> Gentlemen.

Griffith, Jenkin, Evan, a Welsh Attorney.

GRIFF. **C**Ossin, I know what belongs to this place sym-
what petter then yow ; and therefore give
mee leave to be pold to advise yow. 'Is not a small matter
to offer your selfe into presence of a king, and aull his
Court ? Be not too byssie and forward, till yow be caulld, I s
tauke reason to yow.

JEN. Cym, never tauke any taukes : if the King of
greed Prittain keepe it Assizes here, I will cym into Court :
Loog yow, doe yow see now, and please Got.

GRI. *Taw, dyn ynbyhd, ydhwyt yn abl i anabhy pob peth 10
oth folineb, ag y tyny gwatwar ar dy wlad.*

JEN. *Gad vyn llonyth.* I say, I will appeare in Court.

EV. Appeare as yow s'ud doe then, *Dav Jenkin,* in good
sort ; do not discredit the nation, and pyt wrong upon us
aull by your rassnes. 15

SCENE HEADING *before,] before F originally 1 sym-what] sym*
what F 2 yow] you F (so 3, 5, 6) 9 doe yow] doe you F 10
dyn] d yn F ydhwyt yn] y, dhwyt-n F anabhy] anabhy, F 11 wlad]
wlac F 12 llonyth] llonyth F say,] say F Dav Editor : Dab F
Jenkin,] Jenkin F

J E N. What doe yow caull rassnesse, *Evan y Gynrn* ? is not aull the Cyntrie, and aull Welse, and the Prince of Wales too, abus'd in him ? By this hand, I will tell it the Kings owne eares every 'oord, doe yow see him now ? Blesse your
 20 ursip, pray God is in Heaven blesse ever(y) ince of your ursip ; and Wales is comend it to your ursip, from top to toe, with aull his hearts aull over, by got 'utch me, and would be glad as a silling to see yow in him. Come it downe once a day and trie ; I tell yow now, yow s'all be as wel-
 25 comely there, as where yow were in your owne Cyntries last two Symmers, and pershance wee'll made yow as good s'eere too ; weele promise your ursip as good a peece of Seeze, as yow need pit in your head, and pleas' yow s'all bee toasted too. Goe too, see him once upon a time your
 30 owne sellive, is more good meane yow, then is aware of : By got 'is very hard, but s'all make yow a Shestice of Peace the first daies yow come ; and pershance (say nothing) Knight o'the S'ire too : 'Is not *Worsters*, nor *Pembrokes*, nor *Mongymeries* s'all carry him from yow. But aull this
 35 while s'all I tell yow a liddell now ? 'is a great huge deale of anger upon yow, from aull Wales and the Nation ; that your ursippe would suffer our yong Master *Sarles*, your 'ursips Sonne and Heire, and Prince of *Wales*, the first time he ever play Dance, to be pit up in a Mountaine (got knowes
 40 where) by a palterly *Poet*, how doe yow say him, *Evan* ?

E V A N. *Libia*.

J E N. *Vellhy ! Libia*. And how doe yow caull him the Mountaine ? his name is

E V. *Adlas*.

45 J E N. *Hynno, hynno*. *Adlas* ? I, please your ursip, is a Welsse Attorney, and a preddilie schollers, a weare him his long coat, line with Seepes skin, as yow see, every daies o'

16 rassnesse,] rassnesse F *Gynrn* ?] *Gynrn*, F 18 too,] too F
 By] by F 19 yow] you F 20 every F3 22 got 'utch]
 got, utch W 25, 30 yow F3 : you F 35 yow] you F 37
 would] should W *Sarles*,] *Sarles* F 40 yow] you F him,]
 him F 42 yow F3 : you F 43 Mountaine ?] Mountaine ; F
 45 I,] I F ursip,] ursip F 47 see,] see F

the weeke. A very sufficient litigious fellows in the Termes,
and a finely Poets out o' the Termes, hee has a sprig of
Lawrell already towards his girlonds. He was get in here 50
at *Twelfe-night* and see aull, what doe yow call it, your
matters, and sayes is naught, naught, starke naught.

E v. I doe say, and't please his Madestee, I doe not like
him with aull his heart ; h'is plugd in by the eares, without
all piddies, or mercies of proprieties or decorums. I will doe 55
injuries to no man before his Madestee ; but 'is a very vile
and absurd as a man would wisse, that I doe say, to pyt the
Prince of *Wales* in an outlandis Mountaine ; when hee is
knowne, his Highnesse has as goodly Mountaines, and as
tawll a Hills of his own (loog yow, do yow see now) and of as 60
good standing, and as good discent, as the prowdest *Adlas*
christned.

J E N. I, good *Evan*, I pray yow reckon his Madestee
some of the Welse Hills, the Mountaines.

E v. Why, there is *Talgar<th>*. 65

J E N. Well sayd.

E v. *Eliennieth*.

J E N. Well sayd, *Evan*.

E v. *Cadier Arthur*.

J E N. Toudge him, toudge him. 70

E v. *Pen-maen-maur*.

J E N. 'Is good boyes, *Evan*.

E v. And *Craig-eriri*.

J E N. *Aw ? vellhy ?* why, law yow now ? 'Is not *Pen-*
maen-maur, and *Craig-Eriri* as good sound, as *Adlas* every 75
whit of him ?

E v. 'Is caulld the *Pritish Aulpes*, *Craig-Eriri*[ri], a very
sufficient Hills.

48 fellows] fellow's F : Fellows F3 51 at] a W aull,] aull ; F
yow] you F 53 say,] say' F 59 Mountaines,] Mountaines F
60 loog] looke F (cf. l. 9) do yow F3 : do you F 63 I,] I
F yow] you F 65 Why,] Why F *Talgarth* G 68
sayd,] sayd F 69 *Cadier*] *Caider* G 72 'Is] Is F 74
Aw ? vellhy ? F3 : *Aw ? vellhy ?* F why,] why F yow] you F (so
81, 88, 89) 76 him ?] him. F 77 *Pritish* Editor: *British* F
-*Eriri* F3

J E N. By got, we will play with him Hills for Hills, for
80 sixteene and forty s'illings, when he dares.

E v. I pray yow let it alone your wachers a liddle while,
Cossin *Davy ap Jenkin*, and give it leave I may give his
Madestee, and the Court, informations toudging now the
Reformations.

85 J E N. Why? cannot yow and I tauke too, Cossin? the
Haul (Got blesse it) is big inough to hold both our taukes,
and we were twice as much as we are.

E v. Why, tauke it aull then, if yow think is reason in
yow.

90 J E N. No; I know is no reason, *Evan*, I confes him; but
every man would shew himselfe a good subject as he can to
his meanes; I am a subject by my place, and two heads is
better then one, I imagine, under correction.

E v. Got's ownes, here is no corrections, man; imagine
95 what yow please, doe in got's name, imagine, imagine, why
doe yow not imagine? here is no pennyrths of corrections.

G R I F. *Aw, gadu i'n, tawson.*

E v. 'Is so invincibles, so inmercifullys ignorant, a man
knowes not upon what inces of ground to stand to him;
100 do's conceive it no more, as I am a true Welse christian,
then (sirreverence o' the cympany) the hilts of his dagger.

J E N. Go too, I will make the hilts conceive a knocke
upon your pate, and pershance a bumpe to, if yow tauke.

E v. How! upon my pate?

105 J E N. Yes, upon your pate; your Poetlie pate, and your
Law pate too.

G R. *Tawson, tawson.* 'Fore got, yow will goe nere to
hazard a thumbe, and a fowrefinger of your best hand, if

79 got,] got F 80 s'illings,] s'illings F 81 while,] while F
83 Court,] Court F 85 too,] too F 86 Got] God F 93
one, I imagine,] one I imagine F 94 corrections,] corrections F
96 yow] you F 97 *Aw, gadu i'n, tawson* J Fraser: *Aw d gwin*
Tawson F: Awdgwin Tawson F3: Awdijen, Tawson G 98 inmer-
cifullys] in mercifullys F, F3 100 do's] doe's F more,] more F
101 o' F3: 'o F the hilts] the-hilts F 103 to,] to F 105
Yes,] Yes F 107 *tawson*] *Tawson F* 'Fore got,] Fore' got F
108 fowrefinger] fowre finger F hand,] hand; F

yow knocke him here ; yow may knocke him better s'ea-
pe at *Ludlow* a great deale : do yow know the place where it is ? 110

E v. Well, I can be patient, I trust, I trust, it is in a
presence, I presume, that loves no quarrells, nor replies, nor
the lies, nor the shallenge, nor the Duells : but—I will doe
my byssinesse now, and make this a byssinesse for another
daies hereafter : Pleas' your Madestee—By got, I am out 115
of my tempers terribly well, got forgive me, and pyt me in
my selive againe. How doe's your Highnes—I know not a
'oord or a sillable what I say ; 'is doc me that vexations.

G R. O *Evan* ? for the honour of *Wales*.

E v. I remember him now, 'is inough, blessings upon me, 120
'is out o' my head againe ; lost, quite lost : this knocke o'
my pate has knock aull my wits out o' my braines, I thinke,
and turne my reasons out of doores. Beleive it, I will rub,
and breake your s'ins for this, I will not come so high as
your head, but I will take your nose in my way, very 125
sufficiently.

J E N. Hang your sufficiencie.

E v. 'Tis well, very well ; 'tis better, better, exceedingly
well.

Howell, and *Rheese* to them.

130

H o w. What yow meane (hough) to make us so long
tarrie here, ha ?

G R. Marrie, here is aull undone with distempers, me
thinkes, and angers, and passions.

R H E. Who is angry ?

135

E v. Why, it is I is angry, and hungry too, if yow marke
me ; I could eate his *Flint-seere* face now, offer to knock
my pate in the hearing of aull these, and more too ? Well,

109 yow] you F here ;] here, F yow] you F (so 110) 111
trust, it F3: trust it F 112 presence, I presume,] presence I pre-
sume F 115 got,] got F 119 *Evan* ? F3: *Evan* ; F 120
me,] me F 121 knocke] knocke, F 122 braines,] braines F
123 it,] it F 128 'tis] tis F 130 *Howell* . . . them.] *Enter Howell*
and Rheese, with their harps. G to] ot F originally them.] them F
131 What yow] What ? —you F 133 distempers.] distempers F
136, 143 Why,] Why F yow] you F 137 *Flint-seere*] *Flint-seere*
F 138 Well] well F

before his Madestee I doe yet forgive him now with aull
 140 my heart, and will be reveng'd another time.

H o w. Why, that is good *Evan*, honest brave *Evan*.

R H E. Ha' yow told the Kings Madestee of the altera-
 tions ?

E v. I am now once againe about him : peace ; please
 145 your Madestee, the Welse Nation, hearing that the Prince
 of *Wales* was to come into the Hills againe, afore your
 Madestee, have a desire of his Highnesse for the honour of
Wales, to make him a Welse hills, which is done without
 any manner of sharshese to your Madestee, onely shanging
 150 his name : He is caull now *Craig-Eriri*, a Mountaine in
Carnarvan-Seere ; has as gray beard, and as much snow
 upon his head aull the yeare long,

J E N. As *Adlas* for his gutts.

E v. He tells your Madestee true, for aull he is a liddle
 155 out of season : but cym, every man tell as much as he can
 now, my qualitie is, I hope, sufficiently knowne to his
 Madestee, that I am *Rector Chori* is aull my ambitions, and
 that I would have it aull Welse ; that is the s'ort and the
 long of the Requests. The Prince of *Wales*, we know, is aull
 160 over Welse.

J E N. And then my Lord Marquise.

E v. Both my Lord Marquise is as good, noble, true
Priton, as any ever is come out of *Wales*.

J E N. My Lord *Mongymerie* is as sound Welse too, as
 165 flese and blood can make him.

H o. And the *Howards* by got, is Welse as strait as any
 arrow.

E v. *Houghton* is a Towne beare his name there by
Pipidiauke.

170 H o. And *Erwin*, his name is *Wyn* ; but the *Duts-men*
 come here in *Wales*, and caull him *Heer-win*.

142 alterations ?] alterations. F 145 Nation,] Nation
 F 147 Madestee,] Madestee F 155 cym,] cym F 156
 is, I hope,] is I hope F 159 *Wales*, . . . know,] *Wales* . . .
 know F 163 *Priton* Editor : *Briton* F 166 *Howards*]
Howard's F

R H. Then *Car* is plaine Welse, *Caerleon*, *Caermardin*, *Cardiffe*.

J E N. And *Palmer*, his Ancestors was call him *Penmaure*. 175

R H. And *Acmooty*, is *Ap mouth-weye* of *Llanmouthweye*.

J E N. And *Abercromy*, is aull one as *Abermarlys*.

E v. Or *Abertau*.

H o. Or *Aber du gledhaw*.

R H. Or *Aberhodney*. 180

J E N. Or *Abergevenny*.

H o. Or *Aberconway*.

E v. *Aberconway* is very like *Abercromy*, a liddell hard s'ifte has pit 'em aull into *Wales* ; but our desires and petitions is, that the musiques be aull Welse, and the dances, 185 and no '*Ercules* brought in now with a gread staffe, and a pudding upon him.

J E N. Aw ; was his distaffe, was not his club.

E v. What need of *Ercules*, when *Cadwallader*—

J E N. Or *Lluellin*, or *Reese ap Griphin*, or *Cradock*, or 190 *Owen Glendower*, with a Welse hooke, and a Goats skinne on his backe, had done very better, and twice as well ?

E v. Nay, and to pyt apparrell on a pottell of hay, and caull him *Lantæus*.

G R. The *Bellie-gods* too, was as proper a monster as the 195 best of 'hem.

E v. I stand to it, there was neither Poetries, nor Architectures, nor designes in that bellie-god ; nor a note of musicks about him. Come, bring forth our musickes, yow s'all heare the true *Pritan* straines now, the ancient Welse 200 Harpe—yow tauke of their *Pigmees* too, here is a *Pigmees* of *Wales* now ; set forth another *Pigmees* by him !

Two Women, and Musicke to them.

I W o. Aw *Diesus* ! what a bravely companie is here ?
This 's a finely Haull indeed ! 205

172 *Caerleon* G : *Caerlton* F 179 *Aber du gledhaw* Editor : *Aberdugled haw* F 180 *Aberhodney*] *Abes hodney* F 182 *Aberconway*] *Aberconway* F 186 '*Ercules* F3 : '*Erculus* F 190 *Griphin*] *Gryffith* G

2 <W o.> What a deale of fine candle it is ?

J E N. I, peace ; let his Madestee heare the Musicke.

2 <W o.> *Ble mae yr Brenin ?*

J E N. *Dacko ve.*

210 I <W o.> *Diesus* blesse him ; Saint *Davy* blesse him. I
bring my boy o' my backe ten mile here to loog upon him :
Loog, *Hullin*, loog, *Hullin*, *stewch humma vennayd*, *Dumma*
braveris : yow s'all heare him play too.

E v. Peace, no more pradling ; begin, set him downe.

215 *Song.*

E V A N.

I *Song.*

'*T*s not come here to tauke of Brut,
from whence the *Welse* do's take his root ;
Nor tell long pedegree of Prince *Camber*,
220 whose linage would fill aull this Chamber ;
Nor sing the deeds of old Saint *Davy*,
the ursip of which would fill a Navy.
But harke yow me now, for a liddell tales
s'all make a gread deale to the credit of *Wales* ;
225 { *In which wee'll toudg your eares,*
Chorus. { *with the praise of her thirteen S'eeres ;*
 { *And make yow as glad, and merrie*
 { *as fourteene pot of Perrie.*
Still, still wee'll toudg your eares with the praise, &c.

230 H O W E L L. 2 *Song.*

'*T*Is true, was weare him *Sherkin* freize,
but what is that ? we have store of s'eize,
And Got his plenty of Goats milke,
that sell him well, will buy him silke
235 Inough to make him fine to quarrell
At Hereford-sizes in new apparell ;

208 *Brenin ? Brenin.* F 209 *Dacko Dacko* F 210 blesse . . .
blesse] blesse' . . . blesse' F 212 Loog, . . . loog.] Loog . . . loog F
stewch G] spewch F 212 vennayd,] ven nayd F 214 begin,] begin F
217 'Is Editor : I 'Is F: I's R Brut] Prut R 218 his roof] hur root R
220 aull this] full a R 225 *In which wee'll*] For hur will R 226
Chorus.] Chorus F 227 glad] clad R 231 'Tis] Tis F 233
Goats] Coats R milke,] milke F 236 Hereford.] Herford R

And get him as much greene Welwet perhap,
s'all give it a face to his Monmouth cap.

<Chorus.> { But then the ore of Lemster,
By got, is never a Sempster, 240
That when he is spun, e're did
Yet match him with hir thrid.
Still, still, &c.

R H E E S E.

3 Song.

A Vll this's the backs now, let us tell yee 245
of some provisions for the bellie :
As Cid, and Goat, and great Goates mother,
and Runt, and Cow, and good Cowes Vther.
And once but taste o' the Welse-mutton,
your Englis-s'eep's not worth a button. 250
And then for your Fiss, s'all shoose it your diss.
looke but about, and there is a Trout.

<Chorus.> { A Salmon, Cor, or Chevin,
Will feed you six, or seven,
As taull man as ever swagger, 255
With Welse-hooke, or long dagger.
Still, still, &c.

E V A N.

4 Song.

B Vt aull this while was never thinke 260
a word in praise of our Welse drinke ;
Yet for aull that, is a cup of Bragat,
all England S'eere may cast his Cab-at.
And what yow say to Ale of Webley,
toudge him as well, yow'll praise him trebly,
As well as Metheglin, or Sidar, or Meath, 265
S'all s'ake it your dagger quite out o' the s'eath.

237 Welwet Editor : Melmet F : velvet G 239 foll.] Chorus G
(so ll. 253, 267, 281, 295, foll.) 240 By got,] By got F : Py Cot R
Sempster.] Sempster : F 241 e're did] ore did, F : e'er did, W
thrid.] thrid F 245 yee] yee, F 256 Welse-hooke] Welse Club R
262 S'eere] S'eere, F 263 yow] you F 264 yow'll] you'll F
266 s'ake] S'ake F s'eath] seath F

270 <Chorus.> { *And Oat-cake of Guarthenion,
With a goodly Leeke, or Onion,
To give as sweet a Rellis
As ere did Harper Ellis.
Still, still, &c.*

H O W E L L.

5 Song.

275 *And yet, is nothing now aull this,
if of our Musiques we doe misse ;
Both Harpes, and Pipes too, and the Crowd,
must aull come in and tauke alowd,
As lowd as Bangu, Davies bell,
of which is no doubt yow have heare tell,
As well as our lowder Wrexham Organ,
280 and rumbling Rocks in S'eere Glamorgan ;*

285 <Chorus.> { *Where looke but in the ground there,
And yow s'all see a sound there,
That, put him aull togedder,
Is sweet as measure pedder.
Still, still, &c.*

R H E E S E.

6 Song.

290 *AV, but what say yow should it shance too,
that we should leape it in a Dance too,
And make it yow as great a pleasure,
if but your eyes be now at leasure ;
As in your eares s'all leave a laughter,
to last upon yow sixe dayes after ?
Ha ! wella-goe too, let us try to do
as your old Pritton, things to be writ on.*

295 <Chorus.> { *Come, put on other lookes now,
And lay away your hookes too ;
And though yet yow ha' no pump, sirs,
Let 'hem heare that yow can jump, sirs.
Still, still, &c.*

270 Harper] Harper, F 275 too,] too ; F 278 heare] here F : hear W
279 Wrexham] Wrexham, F 282 yow] you F 283 That,] That F
289, 292 yow] you F 294 Pritton Editor : Britton F 295 Come,] Come F
297 yow F3 : you F pump, F3 : pump F 298 jump, F3 : jump F

J E N. **S**Peake it your conscience now ; did your Ursip 300
 ever see such a song in your daies ? 'is not as
 finely a tunes as a man would wisse to put in his eares ?

E v A. Come, his Madestee s'all heare better to your
 Dance.

Here a Dance of men. 305

E v. Haw, well danc'd, verie well danc'd.

J E N. Well plaid, *Howell*, well plaid, *Rheese* : *Da wharry*,
vellhee ; well danc'd y'faith.

E v. Good boyes, good boyes ; pold, and *Prittan*, pold, and
Prittan. 310

After the Dance.

J E N. Is not better this now then *Pigmies* ? This is men,
 this is no monsters, and you marke him : Well, caull forth
 you<r> Goates now, your Ursip s'all see a properly naturall
 devise come from the Welse Mountaines ; 'Is no Tuns, nor 315
 no Bottils : Stand by there, s'ow his 'Ursip the Hills, was
 dronkenry in his eies that make that devise in my minde.
 But now, marg, marg, your Ursip, I pray yow now, and
 yow s'all see natures and propriedies ; the very beasts of
Wales s'all doe more then your men pyt in bottills, and 320
 barrills, there was a tale of a tub y'faith. 'Is the Goat-
 heard and his dog, and his sonne, and his wife make musiques
 to the Goates as they come from the Hills ; give' hem
 roomes, give 'hem roomes, now the<y> cym : The elderly
 Goates is indifferently grave at first, because of his beard, 325
 and onely tread it the measures ; byt yow will see him pyt
 off his gravities by and by well inough, and friske it as fine
 as ere a Kid on 'hem aull. The Welse Goate is an excellent
 dancer by birth, that is written of him, and of as wisely
 carriage, and comely behaviours a beast (for his footing 330
 especially) as some one or two man, Got blesse him.

E v. A Haull, a haull ; come, a haull, *Au vellhee*.

301 daies ?] daies ; F 302 eares ?] eares. F 307 plaid, . . .
 plaid,] plaid . . . plaid F wharry,] wharry F 312 This] this F
 313 Well,] Well F 314 Your F. *Cunningham* 315 'Is] Is F
 318 marg, your] marg your F Ursip,] Ursip F 321 y' faith] i' faith.
 [Music.] G 324 they W 331 Got] God F : got G 332 come,] come F

Here the Dance of Goates.

After the Dance.

- 335 I W O. Nay, and your Madestee bid the Welse Goats
welcome ; the Welse Wenc'es s'all sing your praises, and
dance your healths too.

Song.

- 340 I **A**W, Got blesse it our good King S'ames,
His Wife, and his S'ildren, and aull his Reames,
2 And aull his 'ursipfull S'istice of peace about him,
1 And send that his Court be never without him.
2 Ow, that her would come downe into Wales,
1 Her s'ud be very welcome to Welse Ales.
345 2 I have a Cow,
1 And I have a hen ;
2 S'all give it milke,
1 And egs for aull his men.

C H O R V S.

- 350 It selfe s'all have venison, and other Seere,
And may it be sterved, that steale him his Deere,
there, there, and every where.
J E N. Cym, dance now, let us heare your dance, dance.
E v. Ha ! well plaid, Ales.
355 H o. For the Honour of Wales.

Here was the Dance of men and women.

After the Dance.

- J E N. **D**Iggon, inough, inough, diggon. Well, now aull
the absurdities is remov'd and cleer'd ; the
360 rest, and' please your Grace, s'all tarrie still, and goe on as
it was ; *Vertue*, and *Pleasure* was well inough, indifferently
well inough : Onely we will intreat *Pleasure* to cym out of

336 the] The F Wenc'es] Wen-ces F 339 Got] God F
349 CHORVS.] Both. G 350 It] 'It F 353 Cym.] Cym F 354 plaid,]
plaid F 358 Diggon, inough] Diggon. Inough F : Diggon, Enough
F3 diggon. Well, F3 : Diggon, well F 360 rest,] rest F Grace,]
Grace F 361 and] and F

Driffindore, that is the *Gilden Valley*, or *Gelthleedore*, that is the *Gilden Grove*, and is in *Care Marden*, the *Welse Garden*. 'Is a thousand place in *Wales* as finely places as the *Esperides* 365 every crum of him : *Merlin* was borne there too, put wee would not make him rise now and wake him, because we have his Prophecies alreadie of your Madestee's name to as good purpose, as if he were here in presence. *Podh y geller, Evan ?* 370

E v. Yow will still pyt your selve to these plunses, yow meane his Madeste'es Anagrams of *Charles James Stuart*.

J E N. I, that is *Claimes Arthurs Seate*, which is as much as to say, your Madestee s'ud be the first King of gread *Prittan*, and sit in *Cadier Arthur*, which is *Arthurs Chaire*, as 375 by Gots blessing yow doe : And then your Sonne Master *S'charles* his, how doe yow caull him ? is *Charles Stuart*, *cals true hearts*, that is us, he cals us, the *Welse Nation*, to be ever at your service, and love yow, and honour yow, which we pray yow understand it his meaning. And that the 380 Musitians yonder, are so many *Prittis bards* that sing open the Hills to let out the Prince of *Wales*, and his *Welse freinds* to yow, and all is done.

G R. Very homely done it is, I am well assur'd, if not very rudely : But it is hop'd your Madestee will not inter- 385 pret the honour, merits, love, and affection of so noble a portion of your people, by the povertie of these who have so imperfectly uttered it : Yow will rather for their sak(e)s, who are to come in the name of *Wales*, my Lord the Prince, and the others, pardon what is past, and remember the 390 Cyntrie has alwaies been fruitfull of loyall hearts to your Majestie ; a very garden and seed-plot of honest mindes and men : What lights of learning hath *Wales* sent forth

<p>363 <i>Driffindore</i>] <i>Driffindore</i>] F <i>Marden</i>,] <i>Marden</i> F <i>Pod hy geller</i> F Gots] Gods F yow . . . you] you . . . you F open] o'pen F sakes F3 plot F</p>	<p>364 <i>Gilden Grove</i>] <i>Golden Grove</i> F 369 presence.] presence, F 371, 377 yow] you F 378 Nation,] Nation F 381 <i>Prittis</i>] Editor : <i>Brittis</i> F 383 yow] you F 390 others,] others ; F</p>
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373 I.] I F
379-80 yow . . .
384 is,] is F
392 seed-plot] seed

for your Schooles? What industrious Students of your
 595 Lawes? what able Ministers of your Justice? whence hath
 the Crowne in all times better servitors, more liberall of
 their lives and fortunes? where hath your Court or Coun-
 cell (for the present) more noble ornaments or better aydes?
 I am glad to see it, and to speake it, and though the Nation
 400 bee sayd to be unconquer'd, and most loving liberty, yet
 it was never mutinous (and please your Majestie ;) but stout,
 valiant, courteous, hospitable, temperate, ingenious, cap-
 able of all good Arts, most lovingly constant, charitable,
 great Antiquaries, Religious preservers of their Gentry, and
 405 Genealogie, as they are zealous and knowing in Religion.

In a word, It is a Nation better'd by prosperitie so far,
 as to the present happinesse it enjoys under your most
 sacred Majestie, it wishes nothing to be added, but to see it
 perpetuall in You, and your Issue.

410 *God of his great goodnesse grant it, and show he is an errant
 knave, and no true Britaine, doe's not say
 Amen too with his heart.*

400 unconquer'd,] unconquer'd., F 411 Britaine,] Brittain F
 After 412 *Pleasure Reconciled to Virtue followed : and so it ended.* add G

**NEWS FROM THE NEW WORLD
DISCOVERED IN THE MOON**

THE TEXT

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A Masque,
AS IT WAS PRESEN-
TED AT COVRT BE-
FORE KING IAMES.

1620.

Nascitur è tenebris: & se sibi vindicat Orbis.

Enter 1 Herald, 2 Herald, Printer, Chronicler, Factor.

1 HER. **N**Ewes, newes, newes.

2 HER. **B**old, and brave new(es)!

1 HER. Newe as the night they are borne in;

2 HER. Or the Phant'sie that begot 'hem.

1 HER. Excellent newes!

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2 HER. Will you heare any newes?

PRINT. Yes, and thanke you too, sir; what's the price of 'hem?

1 HER. Price, Cocks-combe! what price, but the price o' your ears? As if any man used to pay for any thing here.

2 newes] news *W* new *F* 3 Newe *corr. F: Newes F originally*
7 too,] too *F*

2 H E R. Come forward, you should be some dull tradesman by your pigheaded Sconce now, that thinke there's nothing good any where ; but what's to be sold.

15 P R I N. Indeed I am all for sale, Gentlemen, you say true, I am a Printer, and a Printer of Newes ; and I doe hearken after 'hem, where ever they be, at any rates ; I'll give anything for a good Copie now, be't true or false, so't be newes.

20 I H E R. A fine youth !

C H R O. And I am for matter of State, Gentlemen, by consequence, story, my Chronicle, to fill up my great booke, which must bee three Reame of paper at least ; I have agreed with my Stationer aforehand to make it so big, and
25 I want for ten quire yet. I ha' beene here ever since seven a clocke i'the morning to get matter for one page, and I thinke I have it compleate ; for I have both noted the number, and the capacity of the degrees here ; and told twice over how many candles there are i'th' roome lighted,
30 which I will set you downe to a snuffe precisely, because I love to give light to posteritie in the truth of things.

I H E R. This is a finer youth !

F A C T. Gentlemen, I am neither Printer, nor Chronologer, but one that otherwise take pleasure i' my Pen : A
35 Factor of newes for all the Shieres of *England* ; I doe write my thousand Letters a weeke ordinary, sometim(e) twelve hundred, and maintaine the businesse at some charge, both to hold up my reputation with mine owne ministers in Towne, and my friends of correspondence in the Countrey ;
40 I have friends of all rancks, and of all Religions, for which I keepe an answering Catalogue of dispatch ; wherein I have my Puritan newes, my Protestant newes, and my Pontificiall newes.

2 H E R. A Superlative this !

45 F A C. And I have hope to erect a Staple for newes ere long, whether all shall be brought, and thence againe vented

15 sale, F3 : sale F
29 i'th'] i'th F

17 be,] be F
36 sometime F3

21 State, F3 : State F

under the name of Staple-newes ; and not trusted to your printed Conundrums of the serpent in *Sussex*, or the witches bidding the Devill to dinner at *Derbie* : Newes, that when a man sends them downe to the Shieres where they are said 50 to be done, were never there to be found.

P R I N. Sir, that's all one, they were made for the common people ; and why should not they ha' their pleasure in beleieving of lies are made for them, as you have in *Paules* that make 'hem for your selves ? 55

I H E R. There he speakes reason to you, sir.

F A C. I confesse it, but it is the Printing I am offended at, I would have no newes printed ; for when they are printed they leave to bee newes ; while they are written, though they be false, they remaine newes still. 60

P R I N. See mens divers opinions ! It is the Printing of 'hem makes 'hem news to a great many, who will indeed beleieve nothing but what's in Print. For those I doe keepe my Presses, and so many Pens going to bring forth wholesome relations, which once in halfe a score yeares (as the 65 age growes forgetfull) I Print over againe with a new date, and they are of excellent use.

C H R O. Excellent abuse rather.

P R I N. Mr. Chronicler, doe not you talke, I shall——

I H E R. Nay, Gentlemen, bee at peace one with another ; 70 wee have enough for you all three, if you dare take upon trust.

P R I N. I dare, I assure you.

F A C. And I, as much as comes.

C H R O. I dare too, but nothing so much as I ha' done ; 75 I have beene so cheated with false relations i' my time, as I ha' found it a far harder thing to correct my booke, then collect it.

F A <C>. Like enough ; but to your newes, Gentlemen, whence come they ? 80

49 *Derbie* :] *Derbie* some copies of F 52 Sir, F3 : Sir F 55
selves ?] selves. F 56 you, F3 : you F 69 Chronicler,]
Chronicler F 70 Nay,] Nay F 79 FAC.] So in the catchword of
F4 verso, ending on l. 78 newes,] newes F

I H E R. From the Moone, ours, sir.

F A C. From the Moone! which way? by sea? or by Land?

I H E R. By Moone-shine, a neerer way, I take it.

85 P R. Oh by a Trunck! I know it, a thing no bigger than a Flute-case; A neighbour of mine, a spectacle-maker, has drawn the Moone through it at the boare of a whistle, and made it as great as a Drum-head twentie times, and brought it within the length of this Roome to me, I know not how
90 often.

C H R. Tut, that's no newes; your perplexive Glasses are common. No, it will fall out to be *Pythagoras* way, I warrant you, by writing, and reading i'th' Moone.

P R. Right, and as well read of you, i'faith: for *Cornelius*
95 *Agrippa* has it, *In disco Lunæ*, there 'tis found.

I H E R. Sir, you are lost, I assure you; for ours came to you neither by the way of *Cornelius Agrippa*, nor *Corne-
lius Drible*.

2 H E R. Nor any glasse of —

100 I H E R. No Philosophers phantasie.

2 H E R. Mathematicians Perspicill.

I H E R. Or brother of the Rosie crosses intelligence, no forc'd way, but by the neat and cleane power of Poetrie,

2 H E R. The Mistris of all discovery.

105 I H E R. Who after a world of these curious uncertain-
ties, hath employed thither a servant of hers in search of
truth: who has been there——

2 H E R. In the Moone.

I H E R. In person.

110 2 H E R. And is this night return'd.

F A C. Where? which is he? I must see his Dog at his girdle, and the bush of thornes at his backe, ere I beleieve it.

I H E R. Doe not trouble your faith then, for if that bush

81 ours,] ours F	84 way,] way F	87 boare] bore
F ₃	92 <i>Pythagoras</i>] <i>Pythagor</i> as F	way,] way F
i'th F	94 i'faith F ₃ : I'faith F	95 'tis] tis F
lost F	101 Mathematicians F ₃ : Methematicians F	96 lost,]
intelligence] intelligence F	110 is this] isthis F	102

of thornes should prove a goodly Grove of Okes ; in what case were you, and your expectation ? 115

2 H E R. Those are stale Ensignes o'the Stages man i'th' Moone, deliverd downe to you by musty Antiquitie, and are of as doubtfull credit as the makers.

C H R. Sir, nothing againe Antiquitie I pray you, I must not heare ill of Antiquitie. 120

I H E R. Oh ! you have an old Wife belike, or your venerable Jerkin there, make much of 'hem : Our relation, I tell you still, is newes.

2 H E R. Certaine, and sure newes.

I H E R. Of a new World, 125

2 H E R. And new creatures in that World.

I H E R. In the Orbe of the Moone.

2 H E R. Which is now found to be an Earth inhabited !

I H E R. With navigable Seas, and Rivers !

2 H E R. Varietie of Nations, Politics, Lawes ! 130

I H E R. With Havens in't, Castles, and Port-Townes !

2 H E R. In-land Cities, Boroughes, Hamlets, Faïres, and Markets !

I H E R. Hundreds, and Weapontakes ! Forrests, Parks, Coney-ground, Meadow-pasture, what not ? 135

2 H E. But differing from ours.

F A C. And has your Poet brought all this ?

C H. Troth, here was enough ; 'tis a pretty piece of Poetrie as 'tis.

I H E. Would you could heare on, though. 140

2 H E. Gi' your mindes to't a little.

F A C. What Innes, or Alehouses are there there ? does he tell you ?

I H E. Truly I have not askt him that.

2 H E. Nor were you best, I beleeve. 145

F A C. Why, in travaile a man knowes these things with-

115 expectation ?] expectation. *Ff* 116 Stages] Stages, *F*
 117] i'th'] i'th *F* 122-3 relation, . . . still.] relation . . . still *F*
 129 Rivers !] Rivers. *F* 130 Lawes !] Lawes. *F* 134 Weapon-
 takes] wapentakes *W* 138 'tis] tis *F* 141 a little] alittle *F*
 146 travaile] travel *F3*

out offence ; I am sure, if he be a good Poet, hee has discover'd a good Taverne in his time.

I H E. That he has, I should thinke the worse of his
150 Verse else.

P R. And his Prose too i'faith.

C H R. Is he a Mans Poet, or a Womans Poet, I pray you ?

2 H E. Is there any such difference ?

155 F A C. Many, as betwixt your mans Taylor, and your womans Taylor.

I H E. How ? may we beseech you ?

F A C. I'll shew you ; your Mans Poet may break out strong and deep i'th' mouth, as he said of *Pindar*, *Monte*
160 *decurrens velut amnis*. But your Womans Poet must flow, and stroak the eare, and (as one of them sayd of himselfe sweetly)

*Must write a Verse as smooth, and calm as Creame,
In which there is no torrent, nor scarce streame.*

165 2 H E. Ha' you any more on't ?

F A C. No, I could never arrive but to this Remnant.

I H E. Pittie ! would you had had the whole piece for a patterne to all Poetrie.

P R. How might we doe to see your Poet ? did he under-
170 take this journey (I pray you) to the Moone o' foot ?

I H E. Why doe you aske ?

P R. Because one of our greatest Poets (I know not how good a one) went to *Edinburgh* o' foot, and came backe ; marry, he has beene restive, they say, ever since, for we have
175 had nothing from him ; he has set out nothing, I am sure.

I H E. Like enough, perhaps he has not all in ; when he has all in, he will set out (I warrant you) at least those from

147 sure,] sure F 149 H E.] H E F 152 Poet, I] Poet I F
158 I'll] Ile F 159 i'th'] i'th F (so 179) 161 flow, and stroak
corr. F : flow and stroak F originally 173 *Edinburgh*] *Edin-*
borough F3 : *Edinburgh* F 174 marry,] marry F restive, . . .
say,] restive . . . say F 175 nothing,] nothing F 176 in ;]
in, F 177 he will] he he will F

whom he had it, it is the very same party that has beene i'th' Moone now.

P R. Indeed ! has he beene there since ? belike he rid 180
thither then.

F A C. Yes, post, upon the Poets horse for a wager.

I H E. No, I assure you, he rather flew upon the wings of his Muse. There are in all but three wayes of going thither ; one is *Endymions* way, by rapture in sleepe, or a 185 dreame. The other *Menippus* his way, by wing, which the Poet tooke. The(n) the third, old *Empedocles* way ; who when he leapt into *Ætna*, having a drie seare bodie, and light, the smoake took him and whift him up into the Moone, where he lives yet waving up and downe like a 190 feather, all soot and embers, comming out of that cole-pit ; our Poet met him, and talkt with him.

C H R. In what language, good sir ?

2 H E. Onely by signes and gestures, for they have no articulate voyces there, but certaine motions to musicke : 195 all the discourse there is harmonie.

F A C. A fine Lunatique language i'faith ; how doe their Lawyers then ?

2 H E R. They are *Pythagorians*, all dumbe as fishes, for they have no controversies to exercise themselves in. 200

F A C. How doe they live then ?

I H E. O'th' deaw o'th' Moone like Grashoppers, and conferre with the Doppers.

F A C. Ha' you Doppers ?

2 H E. A world of Doppers ! but they are there as luna- 205 tick persons, walkers onely ; that have leave onely to hum, and ha, not daring to prophecie, or start up upon stooles to raise doctrine.

I H E. The brethren of the *Rosie-Crosse* have their Colledge within a mile o' the Moone ; a Castle i'th'ayre that 210 runs upon wheelles with a wing'd lanthorne——

179 i'th'] i'th F 182 Yes, post] Yes Post F 183 No,] No F 186
Menippus] *Minipus* F, F3 187 Then the *Editor*: The the F: The W 191
embers,] embers F 193 language,] language F 199 *Pythagorians*] *Pytha-*
goreans F3 202 O'th' deaw o'th'] O'th deaw o'th F 210 i'th'] i'th F

P R. I ha' seen't in print.

2 H E R. All the phantasticall creatures you can thinke of, are there.

215 F A C. 'Tis to be hop'd there are women there then ?

I H E. And zealous women, that will out-grone, the groning wives of *Edinburgh*.

F A C. And Lovers as phantasticke as ours ?

2 H E. But none that will hang themselves for Love, or
220 eate candles ends, or drinke to their Mistresse-eyes, till their owne bid 'hem good night, as the *Sublunary Lovers* doe.

F A C. No, sir ?

2 H E R. No, some few you shall have, that sigh or whistle themselves away ; and those are presently hung up
225 by the heeles like Meteors, with Squibs i' their tayles, to give the wiser sort warning.

P R. Excellent !

F A C. Are there no selfe-Lovers there ?

2 H E R. There were, but they are all dead of late for
230 want of Taylors.

F A C. 'Slight, what lucke is that ? we could have spar'd them a Colonie from hence.

2 H E. I thinke some two or three of them live yet, but they are turn'd *Moone-Calves* by this.

235 P R. O, I, *Moone-Calves* ! what Monster is that, I pray you ?

2 H E R. Monster ? none at all ; a very familiar thing, like our foole here on earth.

I H E R. The Ladyes there, play with them instead of
240 little Dogges.

F A C. Then there are Ladies ?

2 H E R. And Knights, and Squires.

F A C. And servants, and Coaches ?

I H E R. Yes, but the Coaches are much o' the nature
245 of the Ladies, for they goe onely with wind.

C H R O. Prittie, like *China-waggon*s.

220 Mistresse-eyes F : mistris's Eyes F3 221 doe] doe F 222 No, F3: No F 231 'Slight,] S'light F 235 that,] that F 246 CHRO.] Chro. F

F A C. Ha' they any places of meeting with their Coaches, and takeing the fresh open aire, and then covert when they please, as in our *Hide-Parke*, or so?

2 H E R. Above all the *Hide-parkes* in Christendome, 250 farre more hiding and private, they doe all in clouds there; they walke i'the clouds, they sit i'the clouds, they lie i'the clouds, they ride and tumble i'the clouds, their very Coaches are clouds.

P R. But ha' they no Carmen to meet and breake their 255 Coaches?

2 H E. Alas! Carmen, they will over a Carman there, as hee will doe a Child here; you shall have a Coachman with cheekes like a trumpeter, and a wind in his mouth, blow him afore him as farre as he can see him; or skirre 260 over him with his batts wings a mile and a halfe, ere hee can steere his wry necke to looke where he is.

F A C. And they ha' their new Wells too, and phisicall waters, I hope, to visit all time of yeare?

1 H E. Your *Tunbridge*, or the *Spaw* it selfe are meere 265 puddle to 'em: When the pleasant moneths o'the yeare come, they all flocke to certaine broken Islands which are called there, the *Isles of delight*.

F A C. By clouds still?

1 H E. What else? Their Boates are clouds too. 270

2 H E. Or in a mist; the mists are ordinary i'the Moone, a man that owes money there, needs no other protection; onely buy a mist and walk in't, hee's never discern'd, a matter of a *Baabee* does it.

1 H E. Onely one Island they have, is call'd the Isle of 275 the *Epicænes*, because there, under one Article both kindes are signified, for they are fashioned alike, male and female the same, not heads and broad hats, short doublets, and long points; neither do they ever untrusse for distinction, but laugh and lie downe in Moone-shine, and stab with their 280

248 takeing] take-[king F 259 mouth,] mouth F 264 waters, . . . hope,] waters . . . hope F 268 *delight*.] *delight* : F 274 does] doe's F 275 Isle] I sle F 276 *Epicænes*] *Epecænes* F 278 same,] same; F3

ponyards ; you doe not know the delight of the *Epicænes* in Moon-shine.

2 H E. And when they ha' tasted the springs of pleasure enough, and bild, and kist, and are readie to come away ;
 285 the shee's only lay certain egges (for they are never with Child there,) and of those egges are disclosed a race of Creatures like men, but are indeed a sort of Fowle, in part covered with feathers (they call 'hem *Volatees*), that hop from Island to Island, you shall see a covey of 'hem if
 290 you please presently.

1 H E. Yes faith, 'tis time to exercise their eies, for their eares begin to be wearie.

2 H E. *Then know, we doe not move these wings so soone,
 On which our Poet mounted to the Moone*
 295 *Menippus-like ; but all 'twixt it and us,
 Thus cleares and helps to the presentment, thus.*

The Antimaske of Volatees.

2 H E. **W**E have all this while (though the *Muses* *Heralds*) adventured to tell your Majestie
 300 no newes ; for hitherto we have mov'd rather to your delight, than your beliefe. But now be pleased to expect a more noble discovery worthie of your eare, as the object will be <of> your eye ; A race of your owne, form'd, animated, lightned, and heightned by you, who rapt above
 305 the Moone far in speculation of your vertues, have remain'd there intranc'd certaine houres, with wonder of the pietie, wisdom, Majesty reflected by you, on them, from the Divine light, to which onely you are lesse. These, by how much higher they have beene carried from earth to
 310 contemplate your greatnesse, have now conceiv'd the more haste and hope in this their returne home to approach your goodnesse ; and led by that excellent likenesse of your

281 *Epicænes*] *Epicænes* F 283 springs] s springs F 284 kist,]
 kist,, F 289 'hem] 'hen F: 'em F3 291 'tis] tis F 295 'twixt]
twixt F 297 *The . . . Volatees*] *Enter the Volatees for the Antimasque,*
and Dance. After which G 303 of Editor 304 by you] b y
 y ou F 306 there F3: their F 308 These,] These F

selfe, the truth, imitating *Procritus* endeavour, that all their motions be form'd to the musicke of your peace, and have their ends in your favour, which alone is able to 315 resolve and thaw the cold they have presently contracted in comming through the colder Region.

They descend and shake off their Isicles.

I. Song.

How ere the brightnesse may amaze, 320
 Move you, and stand not still at gaze,
 As dazeled with the light ;
 But with your motions fill the place,
 And let their fulnesse win you[r] Grace,
 Till you collect your sight. 325
 So while the warmth you doe confesse,
 And temper of these Raies, no lesse
 To quicken then refine :
 You may by knowledge grow more bold,
 And so more able to behold 330
 The bodie whence they shine.

The first Dance followes.

II. Song.

Now looke and see in yonder throne, 335
 How all those beames are cast from one.
 This is that Orbe so bright,
 Has kept your wonder so awake ;
 Whence you as from a mirrour take
 The Suns reflected light.
 Read him as you would doe the booke 340
 Of all perfection, and but looke

318 Music. Here the Scene opens, and discovers the Region of the Moon,
 from which the Masquers descend, and shake off their icicles. G 324
 you W 327 Raies, . . . lesse] Raies . . . lesse, F 336 bright]
 br ight F 340 doe the] doethe F

*What his proportions be ;
No measure that is thence contriv'd,
Or any motion thence deriv'd,
But is pure harmonie.*

Maine Dance, and Revells.

III. Song.

Not that we thinke you wearie be,
for he
That did this motion give,
And made it so long live,
Could likewise give it perpetuitie.
Nor that we doubt you have not more,
and store
Of changes to delight,
For they are infinite,
As is the power that brought forth those before.
But since the earth is of his name,
and fame
So full, you cannot adde,
Be both the first, and glad
To speake him to the Region whence you came.

The last Dance.

III. Song.

Looke, looke alreadie where I am,
 Got up unto the skie,
 Vpon my better wing,
 The knowing King,
 And make the musicke here,

357 *those*] *these* W
F, F3

360 *full,] full* F

366 *Fame*] *fame*

With yours on earth the same.

CHORUS. { *Joyne then to tell his name,*
And say but JAMES is he ; 375
All eares will take the voyce,
And in the tune rejoyce,
Or truth hath left to breath, and fame hath left
to be.

1 HER. *See, what is that this musicke brings,*
And is so carried in the ayre about ? 380

2 HER. *Fame, that doth nourish the renowne of*
Kings,
And keepes that fayre, which envie
would blot out.

The End.

375 And] and F

381 Fame, that] Fame t hat F

PAN'S ANNIVERSARY

THE TEXT

First printed in the Folio of 1640 in the section of the Masques on signatures Q3 verso to R2 verso, pages 118 to 124, between *Neptune's Triumph for the Return of Albion* and *The Masque of Owls*, with the statement on the title-page 'As it was presented at Court before King JAMES. 1625.' The Folio date is wrong. The masque was performed at Court on 17 January 1620 and repeated on Shrove Tuesday, as recorded in the *Calendar of Venetian State Papers* for that year (pp. 138, 190), and the bill for the costumes and properties, dated 1620, was printed in *Notes and Queries*, series I, volume XII, pages 485-6. The bill of Thomas Cooke for summoning Jonson to wait on Prince Charles in January 1620, printed in our first volume on page 235, also refers to this masque.¹ R. Brotanek in *Die englischen Maskenspiele* (p. 357) was the first to date the masque correctly.

¹ See vol. iii, p. 607 for a correction of the date we gave in vol. i, p. 323.

P A N S
ANNIVERSARIE;
OR,
THE SHEPHERDS
HOLY-DAY.

THE SCENE
A R C A D I A.

As it was presented at Court before
King JAMES. 1620.

The Inventors,
Inigo Iones. Ben Io[h]nson.

The first presentation is of three Nymphs strewing severall
sorts of flowers, followed by an old Shepherd with a
Censer and perfumes.

N Y M P H I.

*T*Hus, thus, begin the yearly rites 5
Are due to P A N on these bright nights ;
His Morne now riseth, and invites
To sports, to dances, and delights :
All Envious, and Prophane, away,
This is the Shepherds Holy-day. 10

N Y M P H II.

Strew, strew, the glad and smiling ground
With every flower, yet not confound

- The Prime-rose drop, the Springs owne spouse,*
 15 *Bright Dayes-eyes, and the lips of Cowes,*
The Garden-star, the Queene of May,
The Rose, to crowne the Holy-day.

N Y M P H I I I.

- Drop, drop, you Violets, change your hues,*
 20 *Now red, now pale, as Lovers use,*
And in your death goe out as well,
As when you liv'd, unto the smell :
That from your odour all may say,
This is the Shepherds Holy-day.

S H E P H E R D.

- Well done, my pretty ones, raine Roses still,*
Untill the last be dropt : Then hence : and fill
Your fragrant prickles for a second shower,
Bring Corn-flag, Tulips, and Adonis flower,
 30 *Faire Oxe-eye, Goldy-locks, and Columbine,*
Pinkes, Goulands, King-cups, and sweet Sops-in-wine,
Blew Harebells, Pagles, Pansies, Calaminth,
Flower-gentle, and the faire-hair'd Hyacinth,
Bring rich Carnations, Floure-de-luces, Lillies,
 35 *The chequ'd, and purple-ringed Daffodillies,*
Bright Crowne-imperiall, Kings-speare, Holy-hocks,
Sweet Venus Navill, and soft Lady-smocks,
Bring too, some branches forth of Daphnes haire,
And gladdest myrtle for these postes to weare
 40 *With Spikenard weav'd, and Marjoram betweene,*
And star'd with Yellow-golds, and Meadows Queene,
That when the Altar, as it ought, is drest,
More odour come not from the Phœnix nest ;
The breath thereof Panchaia may envie,
 45 *The colours China, and the light the skye.*

L O U D M U S I Q U E.

19 <i>drop,]</i> <i>drop</i> F	22 <i>liv'd,]</i> <i>liv'd</i> F	26 <i>done,]</i> <i>done</i> F	27
<i>dropt</i> F ₃ : <i>drapt</i> F	41 <i>Yellow-</i> F ₃ : <i>yellow-</i> F	42 <i>ought,</i> F ₃ :	
<i>ought</i> F	43 <i>Phœnix</i> F ₃ : <i>Phœnix</i> F	44 <i>breath</i> W : <i>breadth</i> F	

The Scene opens, and in it are the Masquers discover'd sitting about the Fountaine of light. The Musicians attyr'd like the Priests of Pan standing in the worke beneath them, when
entreth to the old Shepherd, 50

A Fencer flourishing.

Roome for an old Trophie of Time ; a Sonne of the sword, a Servant of *Mars*, the Minion of the Muses, and a Master of Fence. One that hath showne his quarters, and plaid his prizes at all the games of *Greece* in his time ; as Fencing, 55 Wrestling, Leaping, Dauncing, what not ? And hath now usher'd hither by the light of my long-sword certaine bold Boyes of *Bæotia*, who are come to challenge the *Arcadians* at their owne sports, call them forth on their owne holy-day, and Daunce them down on their owne Greene-swarth. 60

S H E P H E R D.

'Tis boldly attempted, and must be a *Bæotian* enterprise by the face of it, from all the parts of *Greece* else, especially at this time when the best, and bravest spirits of *Arcadia*, called together by the excellent *Arcas*, are yonder sitting 65 about the Fountaine of light, in consultation of what honours they may doe the great *Pan* by encrease of anniversarie rites fitted to the Musique of his peace.

F E N C E R.

Peace to thy *Pan*, and mum to thy Musique, Swaine ; 70 There is a Tinker of *Thebes* a comming, called *Epam*, with his kettle will make all *Arcadia* ring of him ; What are your sports for the purpose ? say, if singing, you shall be sung downe, if dauncing, daunc'd downe. There is no more to be done with you, but know what ; which it is ; 75 and you are in smoke, gone, vapour'd, vanish'd, blowne, and (as a man would say) in a word of two sillables, Nothing.

50 *Shepherd*, F3 : *Shepherd*. F
Arcadians] *Arcadians* F

58 *Bæotia*] *Bæotia* F (so 85)
62 *Bæotian*] *Bæotian* F

S H E P H E R D.

This is short, though not so sweet. Surely the better
80 part of the solemnitie here will be dauncing.

F E N C E R.

Enough ; They shall be met with instantly in their owne
sphere, the sphere of their owne activitie, a daunce. But by
whom, expect : No *Cynætheian*, nor *Satyres* ; but (as I
85 said) Boyes of *Bæotia* ; thinges of *Thebes*, (the Towne is
ours, Shepheard) mad merry Greekes, Lads of life, that have
no gall in us, but all ayre and sweetnesse. A Tooth-drawer
is our Foreman, that if there be but a bitter tooth in the
company, it may bee called out at a twitch ; he doth com-
90 mand any mans teeth out of his head upon the point of his
Poynard ; or tickles them forth with his ryding rod : Hee
drawes teeth a horse-backe in full speed, yet hee will daunce
a foot, he hath given his word : He is yeoman of the mouth
to the whole Brotherhood, and is charged to see their
95 gummes bee cleane, and their breath sweet, at a minutes
warning. Then comes my learned *Theban*, the Tinker I
told you of, with his kettle Drum (before and after) a Master
of Musique, and a man of mettall ; He beates the march
to the tune of Tickle-foot, *Pam, pam, pam*, brave *Epam*
100 with a *nondas*. That's the straine.

S H E P H E R D.

A high one.

F E N C E R.

Which is followed by the trace, and tract of an excellent
105 Juggler, that can juggle with every joynt about him, from
head to heele. He can doe tricks with his toes, wind silke,
and thred Pearle with them, as nimble a fine fellow of his
feet, as his hands : For there is a noble Corne-cutter his
companion, hath so pared, and finified them—. Indeed,
110 he hath taken it into his care, to reforme the feet of all,

83 activitie,] activitie F 84 *Cynætheian*] *Cynætheian* F *Satyres*] *Satyres* F

and fit all their footing to a forme ; onely one splay-foot
in the company, and he is a Bellowes-mender, allow'd, who
hath the looking to of all their lungs by patent, and by his
place is to set that leg afore still, and with his puffes keeps
them in breath during pleasure ; A Tinder-box-man to strike 115
new fire into them at every turne, and where he spies any
brave sparke that is in danger to goe out, plie him with a
match presently.

S H E P H E R D.

A most politique provision.

120

F E N C E R.

Nay, we have made our provisions beyond example, I
hope. For to these there is annexed a Clock-keeper, a
grave person, as *Time* himselfe, who is to see that they all
keepe time to a nick, and move every elbow in order, every 125
knee in compasse. He is to wind them up, and draw them
downe, as he sees cause ; Then is there a subtile shrewd-
bearded Sir, that hath beene a Politician, but is now a maker
of Mouse-traps, a great Inginer yet ; and he is to catch the
Ladies favours in the Daunce with certaine cringes he is 130
to make ; and to baite their benevolence. Nor can wee
doubt of the successe, for we have a Prophet amongst us
of that peremptorie pate, a Taylour, or master Fashioner,
that hath found it out in a painted cloth, or some old hang-
ing (for those are his Librarie) that we must conquer in 135
such a time, and such a halfe time, therefore bids us goe on
crosse-leg'd, or however thred the needles of our owne happi-
ness, goe through-stitch with all, unwind the clew of our
cares, he hath taken measure of our mindes, and will fit
our fortune to our footing. And to better assure us ; at 140
his owne charge, brings his Philosopher with him, a great
Clerke, who (they say) can write, and it is shrewdly sus-
pected but he can read too : And he is to take the whole

111 one splay-foot] ones play-foot F 112 allow'd, F3 :
allow'd F 127 downe,] downe F: down, F3 139 cares,]
cares ; F3 141 a] a a F 143 too :] The colon faint in some
copies of F

Daunces from the foot by Brachygraphie, and so make a
 145 memoriall, if not a map of the businesse. Come forth, lads,
 and doe your owne turnes.

The Antimasque is Daunced.

After which,

F E N C E R.

150 How like you this, Shepheard? was not this geare gotten
 on a holy-day?

S H E P H E R D.

Faith, your folly may deserve pardon, because it hath
 delighted: But, beware of presuming, or how you offer
 155 comparison with persons so neere Deities. Behold where
 they are, that have now forgiven you, whom should you
 provoke againe with the like, they will justly punish that
 with anger, which they now dismisse with contempt. Away.

And come you prime Arcadians forth, that taught
 160 *By P A N the rites of true societie,*
From his loud Musicke, all your manners wraught,
And made your Common-wealth a harmonie,
Commending so to all posteritie
Your innocence from that faire Fount of light,
 165 *As still you sit without the injurie*
Of any rudenesse, Folly can, or spight:
Daunce from the top of the Lycæan mountaine
Downe to this valley, and with neerer eye
Enjoy, what long in that illumin'd Fountaine
 170 *You did farre of, but yet with wonder spye.*

H Y M N E I.

I. *Of P A N we sing, the best of Singers, Pan,*
That taught us swaines, how first to tune our layes,

145 forth,] forth F 147 The . . . Daunced.] The Bæotians enter
 for the Antimasque, which is danced. G 148 which,] which F 150
 this, F3: this F 156 have W: are F, F3 158 contempt.]
 contempt, F: Contempt. F3 After 'Away.' They retire. | To the
 Masquers. G 161 wraught, F3: wraught F 162 harmonie,]
 harmonie F: Harmony, F3 163 posteritie] posteritie. F: Posterity, F3
 164 light,] light F 172 1.] 1 Nym. G Singers, Pan,] Singers Pan F

And on the pipe more aires then Phœbus can.

C H O. *Heare, O you groves, and hills, resound his praise.* 175

2. *Of Pan we sing, the best of Leaders, Pan,
That leads the Naiad's, and the Dryad's forth ;
And to their daunces more then Hermes can.*

C H O. *Heare, O you groves, and hills, resound his worth.*

3. *Of Pan we sing, the best of Hunters, Pan,* 180
*That drives the Hart to seeke unused wayes,
And in the chace more then Sylvanus can.*

C H O. *Heare, O you groves, and hills, resound his praise.*

4. *Of Pan we sing, the best of Shepherds, Pan,*
That keepes our flocks, and us, and both leads forth 185
To better pastures then great Pales can.

C H O. *Heare, O you groves, and hills, resound his worth.*
*And while his powers, and praises thus we sing,
The Valleys let rebound, and all the rivers ring.*

The Masquers descend, and dance their Entrie. 190

H Y M N E II.

P A N is our All, by him we breath, wee live,
Wee move, we are ; 'Tis he our lambes doth reare,
Our flocks doth blesse, and from the store doth give
The warme and finer fleeces that we weare. 195

He keepes away all heates, and colds,

Drives all diseases from our folds :

Makes every where the spring to dwell,

The Ewes to feed, their udders swell ;

But if he frowne, the sheepe (alas) 200

The Shepheards wither, and the grasse.

Strive, strive, to please him then by still increasing thus

The rites are due to him, who doth all right for us.

175 Heare, ... hills,] Heare ... hills F 176 2.] 2 Nym. G Leaders,
Pan,] Leaders, Pan F 177 Naiad's] Nayad's F 179 Heare,]
Heare F 180 3.] 3 Nym. G Hunters, Pan,] Hunters, Pan F
181 Hart F3 : Heart F 182 can. F3 : can, F 183 hills,]
hills F : Hills, F3 184 4.] 2 Nym. G 185 keepes] keep F3
186 can. F3 : can : F 187 Heare, ... hills,] Heare ... hills F
188 sing, F3 : sing F

The Maine Daunce.

205

HYMNE III.

*If yet, if yet**Pans orgies you will further fit,**See where the silver-footed Fayes doe sit,**The Nymphes of wood and water,*210 *Each trees, and Fountaines daughter.**Goe take them forth, it will be good**To see some wave it like a wood,**And others wind it like a flood ;**In springs,*215 *And rings,**Till the applause it brings,**Wakes Eccho from her seate,**The closes to repeate.**(E C H. The closes to repeate)*220 *Eccho, the truest Oracle on ground,**Though nothing but a sound.**(E C H. Though nothing but a sound.)**Belov'd of Pan, the Vall(e)y'es Queene**(E C H. The Valleyes Queene)*225 *And often heard, though never seene,**(E C H. Though never seene.)*

REVILLS.

FENCER.

Roome, roome there : where are you, Shepheard ? I am
 230 come againe with my second part of my bold Bloods, the
 brave Gamesters : who assure you by me, that they per-
 ceive no such wonder in all is done here, but that they dare
 adventure another tryall. They looke for some sheepish
 devises here in *Arcadia*, not these, and therefore a hall, a
 235 hall they demand.

209 *water,*] *water ; F* 210 *daughter,*] *daughter, F* 220 *Eccho,*] *Eccho F*
 227 *REVILLS.] Here the Revels. After which re-enter the*
Fencer. G 229 *you, F3 : you F*

SHEPHERD.

Nay, then they are past pittie, let them come, and not expect the anger of a Deitie to pursue them, but meet them. They have their punishment with their fact. They shall be sheepe.

240

FENCER.

O spare me, by the law of Nations, I am but their Ambassadour.

SHEPHERD.

You speake in time, Sir.

245

2. ANTIMASQUE.

SHEPHERD.

Now let them returne with their solide heads, and carry their stupiditie into *Bæotia*, whence they brought it, with an embleme of themselves, and their Countrey. This is too pure an aire for so grosse Braines.

*End you the rites, and so be eas'd
Of these, and then great Pan is pleas'd.*

H Y M N E IIII.

*Great Pan, the Father of our peace, and pleasure,
Who giv'st us all this leasure,*

255

*Heare what thy hallowd troope of Herdsmen pray
For this their Holy-day,*

And how their vowes to Thee, they in Lycæum pay.

*So may our Ewes receive the mounting Rammes,
And wee bring thee the earliest of our Lambes :*

260

*So may the first of all our fells be thine,
And both the beestning of our Goates, and Kine :*

As thou our folds dost still secure,

And keep'st our fountaines sweet and pure,

265

245 time,] time F 246 The Thebans enter for the 2 Antimasque ;
which danced, G 251 They retire. add. G After 251 To the
Nymphs. G 255 Pan,] Pan F 263 Kine:] Kine F: Kine ;
F3 265 pure,] pure F

*Driv'st hence the Wolfe, the Tode, the Brock,
 Or other vermine from the flock.
 That wee preserv'd by Thee, and thou observ'd by us,
 May both live safe in shade of thy lov'd Mænalus.*

270

S H E P H E R D.

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*Now each retorne unto his Charge,
 And though to day you have liv'd at large,
 And well your flocks have fed their fill,
 Yet doe not trust your hirelings still.
 See, yond' they goe, and timely doe
 The office you have put them to,
 But if you often give this leave,
 Your sheepe, and you they will deceive.*

The End.

268 us, F₃ : us F277 leave, F₃ : leave F

THE GYPSIES METAMORPHOSED

THE TEXT

Both in its performance and its publication *The Gypsies Metamorphosed* differs from the other masques of Jonson. It was performed three times in 1621, at Burley-on-the-Hill on August 3, at Belvoir on August 5, and finally at Windsor, probably early in September, in a revised version. The texts which have come down to us in manuscript or in print are composite. Though they all show traces of confusion, it is possible to distinguish the final text at Windsor from the earlier version performed at Burley and at Belvoir. There are five texts of the masque. First and most important is the manuscript, formerly Richard Heber's, now in the Henry E. Huntington Library: any edition of the masque to-day must be based upon it. Next in order of time is the edition which John Okes printed for John Benson in duodecimo in 1640: the first state of this text, preserved in an imperfect copy in the Cambridge University Library, gave the Burley and Belvoir versions; the second state—the form in which it was published—had a substantial resetting to include the Windsor version. The fourth text is that of the 1640 Folio, badly printed from an independent manuscript. A slavish copy of this text is preserved in Harley MS. 4955 in the British Museum: from the textual standpoint this manuscript is negligible.

It is possible, partly from the indications explicitly given, and partly from the shorter text in the Cambridge copy of the Duodecimo, to make out with fair accuracy the early version at Burley and Belvoir and the revised version used at Windsor. Virtually the text of the first two performances must have been the same: with a few trivial alterations the Burley version of August 3 would serve for Belvoir two days later. The actors would move from one house to the other, and there would be little time for them to learn new parts.

The Burley version, after the Porter's address to the King

by way of prologue when he reached the house, had the opening scene of the Jackman, the Patrico, and the three Gipsies (ll. 1-271). Of the fortune-telling which follows, it had the King's fortune (ll. 273-333) with a concluding triplet which was afterwards cancelled; the Prince's fortune (ll. 357-80), which was afterwards amplified; the Marchioness of Buckingham's fortune (ll. 410-57), followed by that of her mother-in-law, the Countess of Buckingham (ll. 496-519); the Lady Purbeck's fortune and her mother's, the Lady Elizabeth Hatton (ll. 522-56). Then came the anti-masque, if it can be dignified by such a title, of the Clowns, Francis, Harry, Roger and Thomas, with their Wenches, Prudence, Cecily, Mary, Peg, and Maudlin. Originally no speeches were assigned to the Wenches, their losses, when their pockets were picked, being described by the Clowns. This we know from the Cambridge copy of the Duodecimo. This portion is completely rewritten in the final text. The Cock-lorrel ballad followed. With the close of the anti-masque at line 1288, the Burley performance passed to the concluding songs beginning at line 1394, 'The sports are done', and the praises of the Prince and the King.

Little change was made at Belvoir. The four lines relating to the Earl of Rutland (ll. 155-8) are changed in the manuscript to

There be Gentry Coues here
Are the Cheife of the shire.

A fortune for the Countess of Rutland is inserted after line 457. As hostess during the second party she had naturally stayed at home to prepare for it. This fortune is not in the early state of the Duodecimo text. The Countess of Exeter's fortune (ll. 481-90) is not found in either state of this text, but it is an improvisation because she came late: the probability is that it was first spoken at Belvoir. A final substitution is noted in the Manuscript in the concluding lines of the anti-masque for lines 1269-84. In place of the praise of Buckingham as a generous host, twelve lines are inserted

in praise of Rutland, 'the good man of Beuer', and for
make it a iolly night
if not a holie night,

we have

make it a iolly night
for 'tis a holie night,

the date being Sunday, August 5. Line 1258 'here at *Burly* o' th' hill' must have been cut out; there are four lines rhyming with 'hill' in the context, so that no rewriting would be needed. The reference in lines 143-4 to reluctance to 'make a hurly' 'here at *Burly*' must also have been excised.

A month elapsed before the masque was repeated at Windsor. This gave time for considerable alterations of the text and for a change of cast, though Buckingham and the courtiers no doubt resumed their parts as gipsies. A new prologue was written for the revival. For lines 212-18 of the original text with its reference to the Ladies, new lines were written, referring to the Lords. Further, in lines 226-32 instead of

we may both cary
the *Kate* and the *Mary*—

namely, the Marchioness and the Countess of Buckingham—
and all the bright aery
away to the Quarry,

Jonson substituted

we may both cary
the *George* and the *garter*
into o^r owne quarter,
or durst I goe farder
in methode & order
there's a purse and a seale—

namely, the Lord Keeper's—

I'haue a great mind to steal
that when o^r tricks are done,
wee might seale o^r owne pdon.
all this we may doe
and a greate deale more too . . .

All the above changes are marked in the Manuscript 'At Windsor' and are not found in the Duodecimo text.

In the episode of the fortune-telling the King's and the Prince's fortunes, as we have already noted, had additional stanzas not found in the first state of the Duodecimo (ll. 334-51, 381-404). They included a beautiful addition to the lines on the proposed marriage of Prince Charles to the Infanta of Spain, the sister of King Philip IV. The fortune ended originally

Courses even wth the sunne
dothe her mightie Brother runne
for splendor
what can to the marriage night
more than morne and Evening light
attend her

Jonson continued :

Saue the promise before day
of a little *Iames* to play
hereafter
twixt his *Grandsires* knees and moue
all the prettie waies of *Loue*
and laughter

A considerable change followed the lines telling the royal fortunes. 'At Windsor', the Manuscript records, 'in place of the Ladies fortunes' (ll. 410-556) 'were spoken theise following of the Lordes' (ll. 565-697). The Manuscript omits one fortune certainly spoken at Windsor, the Earl of Buccleugh's (ll. 663-77), given in the printed texts. Jonson added the lines at Windsor.

The parts of the Clowns and the Wenches are worked up into a far more dramatic form. The lively duet of the Patrico and the Jackman (ll. 707-32) gives a hint to the mayor and townsmen of Windsor that they had better not attempt to arrest the gypsies as vagrants in the way local

authorities usually did. During this duet the Clowns enter. Their dialogue about the Wenches originally ran :

Cock. We must have some musick then.

Pup. Musick ! we'll have a whole poverty of Pipers, call *Cheeks* upon the Bag-pipes, & *Tom Ticklefoot* with his Tabor ; he could have mustred up the smocks o' th' two shires'.¹

No indication is given of the girls' entrance, but a country dance follows, in which they take part, to the music of the pipe and tabor. But at Windsor the renamed Clowns and Wenches are carefully introduced. Cockrell says, 'Wee must haue some Musique then, and take out the wenches'. One 'Minstrell' supplies the music,² though Cheeks and Ticklefoot are still called for:³ Cheeks disappears, but the minstrel is called Ticklefoot in lines 866 and 949. Clod points to his entrance in line 780, and Cockrell adds 'I and all the good wenches of *windsor* after him'. The Wenches have a livelier part at Windsor when they relate what has been picked from their pockets instead of having the men relate their losses for them.

The Patrico's speech on the metamorphosis of the gipsies stating that the clowns will prove knights and the lasses pages (ll. 1291-1320) is given in a Windsor text, and the blessing of the King's five senses (ll. 1329-89) is a Windsor addition. An epilogue was added for Windsor.

In view of the great length of the Windsor performance—it certainly ended 'late at night,' as the Patrico tells us (l. 1313)—Dr. Cole has suggested that the Cock-lorrel song was left out at the Windsor performance. He links up Puppy's words to the Patrico, 'S^r you are a Prelate of the order, I vnderstood' (ll. 1140-41), which he feels to be abrupt, with Puppy's question before the song, 'what sort or order of *Gypsie* I pray S^r?' (l. 1026). But Puppy's

¹ The Duodecimo text for lines 769-73.

² Lines 781, 798, 1053.

³ A further inconsistency is calling the wenches of Windsor 'the smocks o' the two shires' (l. 787), which had point only at Burley and Belvoir.

appeal to the 'Prelate' to admit him to the order comes in as a new point, and the words 'I vnderstood' in the past tense could hardly refer to what was said only a minute before.¹ Chamberlain in a letter to Carleton on 27 October 1622, preserved in the Public Record Office,² says: 'here is likewise a ballet or song of Ben Johnsons in the play or shew at the Lord Marquis at Burly, and repeated again at Windsor . . . there were other songs and devises of baser alay,³ but because this had the vogue and generall applause at court, I was willing to send yt'. This tribute explicitly says that the song was repeated. As to Dr. Cole's further point that the song may have been dropped because of its coarseness, why should Windsor have been more sensitive than Burley?

The one trustworthy text of *The Gypsies Metamorphosed* is the contemporary manuscript now HM 741 in the Henry E. Huntington Library. It is seven sheets in quarto with an extra leaf inserted after the first sheet. Some leaves have been margined, mutilating the end of some lines, others cut down or irregularly folded. Its history can be fully traced. As proved by the old shelf-mark '8.2' and by a note in the handwriting of the Earl of Ellesmere on the misplaced first leaf, stating that it should be bound at the end, this manuscript was once (*circa* 1640) in the Bridgewater library. Then it passed to Peter le Neve and Richard Heber; at Heber's sale (Catalogue, 1836, xi. no. 603) Thorpe bought it for four shillings, according to a priced catalogue in the British Museum; he sold it to Sir Thomas Phillips (Catalogue 1836, no. 721), at whose sale in 1897 it passed to Quaritch for twelve guineas, as is recorded on the front leaf of the manuscript. Mr. W. A. White bought it from Quaritch (Hand-list, 1914, p. 51), and about the year 1916 it passed to its final resting-place in the Henry E. Hunting-

¹ It is 'understand' in the Duodecimo and the Folio.

² James I, S.P. 14 cxxiii, no. 62.

³ Such as 'The faery beame vppon you', we suppose.

ton library. In 1931 Dr. G. Watson Cole made it accessible in a facsimile.

Heber lent the manuscript to Gifford, who appreciated its value. He stated (1) that it was autograph, a judgement invalidated by his comment that it was 'perhaps the only MS. piece of Jonson's in existence'; (2) that it was the earliest as well as the most correct text of the masque; (3) that it filled the gaps in the printed texts, notably the three lines missing at the end of the Prince's fortune (ll. 402-4).

Is the manuscript autograph, as Gifford assumed? Dr. Samuel A. Tannenbaum in a note on Dr. Cole's edition¹ briefly stated his conviction that it is autograph. He wrote, 'A comparison with the manuscript of *The Masque of Queens* shows this conclusively, even though the two manuscripts were written years apart, one slowly and formally, the other informally and rapidly', and he referred to the facsimiles of Jonson's handwriting in Dr. Greg's *English Literary Autographs*, plates xxiii and xxiv, as showing 'how considerably Jonson's script varied at different times, without, however, losing its identity'. Dr. Greg's facsimiles are, in chronological order, Jonson's letter to the Earl of Salisbury on Gunpowder plot dated 8 November 1605; a page of the autograph manuscript of *The Masque of Queens*, 1608; the letter to Queen Anne in a gift-copy of the Quarto of this masque, also 1608; and the letter to Sir Thomas Cotton, late in life,² dated by Dr. Greg as probably about 1635. No material change in Jonson's handwriting would be likely between 1605 and 1608, but it would be possible by 1635. On the contrary, the hand of this late letter, though a little cramped, is unmistakably the same. But the manuscript of *The Gypsies Metamorphosed* has startling differences, so, if Dr. Tannenbaum's view is sound, Jonson wrote one hand in 1605 and 1608, modified it

¹ *Publications of the Modern Language Association of America*, vol. xlvii, pp. 909-10.

² Printed in vol. i, p. 215, as to Sir Robert Cotton, who died in 1631. We accept Dr. Greg's correction.

considerably in 1621, and reverted to the earlier form at the end of his life in a copy so close as to suggest that he had never written otherwise.

The Manuscript certainly has sufficient superficial resemblance to Jonson's hand to explain why it could be claimed as his, but the authorities of the Huntington Library do not accept the attribution. Three expert palaeographers, Mr. R. B. Haselden, curator of the Huntington manuscripts, Dr. Robin Flower, the Deputy Keeper of the British Museum, and Dr. Greg authorise us to say that they share this view.¹ A comparison with the holograph of *The Masque of Queens* puts the question beyond doubt.

The Manuscript was evidently copied from the archetype. We fail to find in it any signs of rapid writing; it is evenly and methodically written, but it lacks the care and finish which we should expect in a transcript made by Jonson himself. It is inconsistent in the matter of text; the confusions caused in working over the original version to recast it for the later performance are not smoothed out, and Jonson had time to smooth them out. It reads like a first attempt at the Windsor text, perhaps a copy written for presentation before the readings were finally adjusted. The free use of the English secretary hand is remarkable. Contrary to Jonson's usual practice, the manuscript is seldom punctuated. And the spelling is too lax for Jonson.

The pages here reproduced are pages 11 and 35 of the text containing lines 260-82 and 916-38. Making full allowance for the fact that the holograph of *The Masque of Queens* was copied out at leisure with the most scrupulous care for a royal patron, the differences are hard to reconcile.

If Jonson wrote the Huntington Manuscript, why did he prefer cumbrous secretary forms to the easier italic which we know he normally used? B, H, C, k, st, x, for instance, would take longer to write. The scribal convention of

¹ In a note contributed to the *Publications of the Modern Language Association of America*, vol. xlvii, pp. 909-10, Dr. Greg had supported Dr. Tannenbaum, while noting that 'the secretary forms are commoner than is usual in Jonson's hand'.

using a capital C, formed like O with a cross-stroke, in the middle of a sentence where no capital is needed, is never used by Jonson; an example occurs in the facsimile of page 35, line 3, 'Companie', and it is frequent in the text: 'O they are Call'd the Moone men (l. 752); 'they Cannot have proceeded so farre' (l. 763). The final 'e' for 'es' never occurs in *The Masque of Queens*. Another fine point is the writing of 'i'. In the facsimile we have given of *The Masque of Queens* he sometimes connects it with the previous letter and at other times writes it as an isolated form; then he takes his pen off the paper and begins anew with the following letter. In the first line of the page we have 'Effodisse', 'Siccæ', 'pallida', 'rodit'; in the first note we have 'Plinie writing' 'Hist.', 'lib.', 'digging', 'contrarium', 'circulis', 'gladio', 'fodiunt', 'fatallie', and so on, with this separately written 'i'. The page is full of examples. The writing of this letter in this detached form is never once found in the manuscript of the *Gypsies*: the 'i' has an upstroke connecting it with the following letter, as in 'singer', 'finger', 'linger', 'bringer' (lines 146-9).

The spelling is irregular. It is difficult to believe that Jonson wrote 'sperrittē' as an English form of the derivative from the Latin *spiritus* (prologue at Burley, l. 9), or 'Coriphæus' for 'Coryphæus' (l. 172) which the Duodecimo prints—or such popular contemporary spellings as 'mutch' (l. 582) and 'culler' (l. 1233). 'Height' is twice found for 'hight' (ll. 374, 1041): Jonson spelt it correctly in the Marlowe quotation, 'Sestos hight' in *Bartholomew Fair* (v. iii. 113). Medial *v* is frequently used, as in 'Evening' (line 379) and 'Covie' (lines 901-2). Jonson usually employed this only in Latin-derived compounds such as 'Invention' (*Masque of Queens*, l. 4). In his printed texts Jonson preferred the form 'hem' for 'them', which had been in use since Caxton, but he thought it an abbreviation and wrote it with an apostrophe. The Manuscript has 'hem' once in line 1244; 'them' in lines 98, 766, 797, 918,

1164-5: elsewhere it is 'em', and in line 868 'them' is corrected to 'em'. It is significant that the Duodecimo text preserves 'hem' frequently enough to show that it must have been in Jonson's manuscript.¹ The spelling with the apostrophe is peculiar to Jonson, and no printer would have introduced it.

The text exhibits throughout a most un-Jonsonian contempt for the rules of punctuation. The portentous list of inserted stops given on pages 615-22 tells its own tale. It is enough to cite two examples. 'O the Lord what be theise *Tom* dost thou knowe Come hether Come hether *Dicke* didst thou euer see such the finest oliue colourd sprites they haue so dancd and gingled here as if they had beene a sett of ouergrowne ffayeries' (ll. 733-7). Or a little later '*Pup* Can they Cant or Mill are they Masters in their arte *Town*: No Batchelers theis they Cannot have proceeded so farre' (ll. 761-4). The apostrophe is sometimes omitted: 'th Ægyptians' (l. 124), 'Tis' (l. 490), 'Ha' (l. 870), 'thats' (l. 741), 'thiefes' (l. 1014). Lines 1156-7 lack the first bracket of a parenthesis. The period is often omitted after the name of a character in the headings of speeches. There are none of the classical spellings which Jonson affected for Latin derivatives: 'fruite', not 'fructe' in line 450; 'equall', not 'æquall' in line 1407. There are occasional slips of the pen: 'an' for 'and' (l. 1369) and 'i'th the bed' (l. 1379).

Once or twice, where the sense of the passage is not affected, lines are lost: for instance, 'Meane time in song doe you conceiue some vow' (l. 259), and in the blessing of the King's five senses, the typical Jonsonian lines which should follow line 1348

Or a long pretended fit,
Meant for mirth, but is not it.

They are required by the context

Onelie time and eares out-wearinge.

¹ See the critical apparatus at lines 98, 218, 759, 899, 901, 903, 906, 920, 938, 1091, 1093, 1164, 1244, 1268.

More serious errors due to an imperfect conflation of the versions used first at Burley and Belvoir and afterwards at Windsor have been discussed in reference to the performances.

Manuscript copies naturally circulated at Court of one portion of the masque—the fortune-telling (ll. 272–697). In the Public Record Office there is a manuscript copy of the King's, the Prince's, and the Ladies' fortunes.¹ It is subscribed 'The Gipsies Maaske att Burley'. It contains the original, and shorter, form of the King's and Prince's fortunes. The text of the whole is bad; words are left out, misread, and misspelt. But it is valuable for giving us the names of some of the performers: 'The kings fortune spoken by my Lo: Marquesse Bu.'—Buckingham, who played the part of the first Gipsy; 'The Princes by L: ffeilding', Earl of Denbigh, Buckingham's brother-in-law, who was the second Gipsy; 'The Lady Marquesse by Mr. Porter', the poet Endymion, who was the third Gipsy. The unnamed fourth Gipsy was probably John, Viscount Purbeck: 'two of yo^r sonnes are *Gypsyes* too', the Countess is told in line 513. But his name is not recorded in this manuscript.

Two Bodleian manuscripts, Tanner MS. 306 on folios 252–3, and MS. Rawlinson poetry 172 on folio 78, have the fortunes of the Lord Keeper (Bishop Williams), the 'Lord Duke' (the Duke of Lennox, who was Lord Steward), the Lord Treasurer (Baron Montagu), the Lord Chamberlain (Lord Pembroke). These copies include four lines on the Lord Keeper omitted in the manuscript ('Ile venture my life' . . . after line 574); the Tanner MS. omits the last four lines of the Lord Steward's fortune (ll. 640–3).

The masque was first published in the collection entitled *Q. Horatius Flaccus: His Art of Poetry. Englished by Ben: Jonson. With other Workes of the Author, never Printed*

¹ James I, S.P. 14, cxxii, no. 58 from the Conway Papers.

before, which John Okes printed for John Benson in duo-decimo ; it was registered on 8 February 1640¹ before the Folio appeared. The ' other Workes ' were the *Execration against Vulcan* (pages 29-40, followed by a blank leaf), *The Gypsies Metamorphosed*, here entitled *The Masque of the Gypsies* (pages 43-94 originally, afterwards enlarged to pages 43-104), and an anthology of minor poems entitled *Epigrams to Severall Noble Personages in this Kingdome*, which included some lyrics and the Ode on the failure of *The New Inn* (pages 95-138).

Benson began by securing the text of the original performance at Burley-on-the-Hill. This first state survives in a copy, unfortunately imperfect, in the University Library at Cambridge. *The Gypsies Metamorphosed* begins with the title-page on signature C 10 recto, page 43 ; the verso is blank ; the text follows on C 11 recto, page 45, and continues to E 11 verso, page 94 ; signature E 12 is blank. In this copy signatures E 5 to 8, pages 81 to 88, are missing, the section of the text included in lines 1000-1273 of the present edition. For textual reasons a loss at this point is deeply to be regretted, but the supreme value of the Cambridge copy is that signatures D 6, D 7, D 8, D 10, and E 9, E 10, E 11, slashed for cancel after the sewing, have not been removed by the binder. They yield a clear clue to the changes in the text. The Huntington copy, formerly Mr. Beverley Chew's, also contains three of the cancelled leaves, E 9, E 10, and E 11.

After the volume had been printed off, Benson obtained, certainly by dishonest means, a copy of the fully revised and enlarged text used in the final performance at Windsor. He had the original leaves D 6 to 10 and E 9 to 11 cancelled and two new sheets of twelve leaves, signaturred ' d ' and ' e ', inserted in the text. By this rearrangement the page numbers ran up to 104, beginning again with page 95 for the *Epigrams*, which are preceded by an unpagged title-

¹ Arber *Transcript*, IV, 498 : the Masque was separately registered on February 20.

leaf. There are tell-tale stubs in many copies.¹ However, Okes succeeded by this insertion in wedging in the new matter.

Dr. Cole has facsimiled the Duodecimo text of the Masque in his edition as well as the text of the Manuscript.

What kind of manuscript did Benson send to Okes? The cancelled leaves of the Cambridge copy shew that he got a good one—it may even have been autograph—from which to set up the Burley text, and that Okes followed it fairly well. The copy used for the interpolated quires 'd' and 'e' was another manuscript; it differs sufficiently from the Folio of 1640 to show that it was an independent text. When sewing this new patch on the old garment, Okes had from time to time to reinsert passages of the Burley text. But he had broken up the type, so he went ahead with his new copy. His final version is careless and sometimes grossly inaccurate, but there are a few corrections. We give a comparative table of the more important variants.

<i>First state</i>	<i>Second state</i>
331 Fortune (<i>MS.</i>)	fortunes
363 States (<i>MS.</i>)	Starres
377 Of splendor :	For splendor. (<i>MS.</i>)
433 he is (<i>MS.</i>)	he's
434 enjoyed	enjoyed you (<i>MS.</i>)
437 he look (<i>MS.</i>)	you looke
438 ne're (<i>neu'r MS.</i>)	never
440 There is not	Ther's never (<i>MS.</i>)
467 find	finde it (<i>MS.</i>)
516 hurt (<i>MS.</i>)	heart
531 robb'd (<i>MS.</i>)	told
551 Heaven	Heav'n (<i>MS.</i>)
gi'n (<i>MS.</i>)	given
1407 As in your (<i>As in you MS.</i>)	As if your
1421 looke	lookes (<i>MS.</i>)

The Manuscript here gives a clue to the correct readings. Of the incorrect the most senseless include the remark to

¹ For instance, the Malone copy in Bodley and the Dyce copy at South Kensington. The stubs of the Dyce copy have clear traces of the lettering of D 8, D 9, and D 10.

the Marchioness of Buckingham about her husband in line 437,

And though you looke yellow
He never will be jealous.

It should 'he looke yellow', of her husband's face tanned with walnut juice when he was made up as a gipsy. Pure nonsense is talked to the Countess of Buckingham in lines 514-16:

You shall our *Queene* be, and he who
Importunes

The heart of either yours, or you ;—

Read 'see' for 'he', which is in both states, and 'hurt', as in the first state, for 'heart'. When Lady Purbeck is told, in line 531, that she has 'robd' Cupid of his eyes, the second state has

You have told him of his eyes.

Of the disregard for punctuation in the resetting it will be sufficient to quote one significant passage in the first state in which Jonson's system is faithfully reproduced (ll. 295-7) :

But stay ! in your *Iupiters* mount, what's here !
A King ! a Monarch ! what wonders appeare !
High ! bountifull ! just ! a *Jove* for your parts !

Okes toned this down to

But stay in your *Jupiters* mount, what's here ?
A *King* a *Monarch* ; what wonders appeare !
High, Bountifull Just : a Iove for your parts,

The Windsor additions which Okes incorporated in the text were three stanzas of six lines each (ll. 334-51) amplifying the King's fortune, for the original

This little from so short a view,
I tell, and as a teller true
Of Fortunes, but their Maker, sir, are you.

and twenty-one lines added to the Prince's fortune (ll. 381-401), which should have been twenty-four to complete the last stanza ; the Countess of Exeter's fortune (ll. 479-90) ; the Lords' fortunes substituted at Windsor for the Ladies'

fortunes in the earlier performances (ll. 562–697); ten lines of the Belvoir version added after line 1283; and the Patrico's speech blessing the King's five senses (ll. 1292–1389). The epilogue at Windsor was added, but not the prologue, because that would have disturbed the opening pages.

One new fortune is added in the Duodecimo—and also in the Folio—the Earl of Buccleugh's, spoken by the Patrico after line 662. Gifford suggests it was 'written upon the spur of the moment'; possibly he came late.

The Folio of 1640 printed *The Gypsies Metamorphosed* for the second time, including it among the *Masques*. The collation is G 4, H to L in fours, pages 47 to 80. The title—*A Masque of the Metamorphos'd Gypsies. As it was thrice presented to King James. First, at Burleigh on the Hill. Next, at Belvoyr. And lastly, at Windsor. August 1621* is—on G 4 recto, the prologue at Windsor on G 4 verso, the opening address to the King at Burley on H 1 recto, the text on H 1 verso to L 4 recto, and the epilogue at Windsor on L 4 verso. It is a fuller text than Benson's and printed from an independent manuscript, though the two texts correspond in many points of detail and even in longer passages, such as the Cock-lorrel ballad. It is in the main the Windsor version, but it preserves passages discarded at that performance, such as the fortunes of the Court Ladies in lines 407–556. Where the manuscript showed traces of confusion perhaps inevitable in a composite text, the printer could hardly be expected to unravel them, but his text of this masque is a painful contrast to some of the later masques in the Folio, which are printed with a fair standard of correctness. Probably the printer had an official copy. For three performances some copying was inevitable, and the blundering of the Folio suggests that the press copy was in a hand less clear than Jonson's.

Thus line 136 of the Jackman's song is in the Manuscript 'and not cause you *cut yo' laces*', addressed to the Court

ladies whose fortunes were told at Burley and Belvoir, with a marginal note '*windsor quit yo' places*', addressed to the Lords. The Folio makes of this

Wo. Quit your places, and not cause you cut your laces

as if 'Wo.' were the name of a speaker. The failure to make a true conflation of the texts is shown by the occasional retention of a reference to Burley or Belvoir. At line 155 it is clear that the version at Windsor was that of Belvoir,

There be Gentry Coues here
Are the Chiefe of the shire.

followed by

And for the Roome mortes, . . .

But the Folio keeps the lines spoken at Belvoir about the Earl of Rutland, who was lord lieutenant of the county :

Ther's a *Gentry Cove* here
Is the top of the Shiere,
Of the *Bever Ken*,
A man amongst men.

In two later passages where the texts diverge there is the same failure to distinguish them. For the Burley version of lines 212-30—the suggestion of the gipsies luring the Court Ladies to join them—two substitutions in the Windsor text play with the idea of light fingers stealing the Georges of the Knights of the Garter and the purse and seal of the Lord Keeper: the Folio prints both versions successively. In lines 557 foll. the Ladies fortunes told at Burley and Belvoir are followed by the fortunes of the nobles told at Windsor without the heading given in the manuscript, '*At Windsor*, in place of the Ladies fortunes were spoken theise following of the Lordes'.

Lines are omitted in the Folio, sometimes very clumsily: for instance, the concluding stanza of Prince Charles's fortune (lines 399-404) is mutilated. The full stanza in the manuscript is

Since yo^r name in *peace* or *warres*
nought shall bound vntill the starres
vp take you
And to all succeedinge veiwe
Heauen a Constellation newe
shall make you.

The Folio, like the Duodecimo, omits the climax of the last three lines. On the other hand it agrees with the Duodecimo in inserting four lines in the fortune of Lord Keeper Williams after line 574 :

Ile venter my life
You never had wife,
But Ile venture my skill
You may when you will.

These are not in the manuscript. Williams did not marry: were there rumours of an abortive engagement in 1621, which suggested a compliment otherwise pointless? The context runs smoother without it :

you doe not appeare
A Iudge of a yeare.
you haue the *Kings* conscience too in yo^r brest
and thats a good *Guest*.

Three stanzas on the filthy smell of tobacco are added in both the printed texts to the Cock-lorrel song after line 1125 ; they were clearly an afterthought, playing on the King's well-known dislike of tobacco, for the ballad ends quite naturally with an answer to Puppy's question which provoked it (ll. 1034-6). They are likely to have been spoken at Windsor, but in an authoritative text like the Manuscript it is strange for twelve lines to have been overlooked. Finally there is a pointed couplet in the blessing invoked on the King's five senses (after line 1348), praying for him to be saved from harsh noises :

Or a long pretended fit,
Meant for mirth, but is not it.

These lines have the authentic ring.

The Folio and Duodecimo texts differ in their treatment of the Clowns and Wenches, who supply something in the nature of an antimasque. Originally they paired off as Prudence and Francis, Cicely and Harry, Roger and Mary, Peg of the dairy (who is not provided with a partner), Maudlin and Thomas ; these names survive in the text at lines 814-18.¹ At Windsor they become Tom Clod, Dick Townshead, Jack Cockrell, and Paul Puppy, and the Wenches are localized as Prudence of the Park, Francis of the Castle, Long Meg of Eton, and Christian of Dorney. The original version is preserved in the Duodecimo.² Cockrell calls for music, Puppy for the bag-pipes and Tom Ticklefoot with his tabor, who would bring the girls ; he offers to subscribe twopence. Clod at first refuses to subscribe : he has a wife to keep and a baby coming ; ' I cannot fat Pidgeons with Cherry-stones '. Cockrell and Puppy are satirical, but they get a penny out of Clod. Cockrell subscribes twopence : ' my name's *Cockrell*, and I am true-bred '. Townshead gives a groat to make up the nine-pence. The altercation is shortened in the Folio, and the taborer enters promptly with the wenches of Windsor. In the fortune-telling Cockrell is told in the Duodecimo as in the Manuscript :

You'l steal your selfe drunk, I find it here true,
As you rob the pot, the pot will rob you.

The Folio has

You'le ha' good lucke to horse-flesh o' my life,
You plow'd so late with the Vicars wife.

Long Meg's coarse fortune is given in full in the Duodecimo and the Manuscript ; the Folio omits it with the comment, ' They slip her, and treat upon *Tickle-foot* '. There are further changes when the Clowns and Wenches discover that their pockets have been picked (ll. 900 foll.). When

¹ In the Duodecimo text Maudlin loses the enchanted nutmeg which is later the property of Meg (l. 935).

² After line 768 in the final text.

Clod makes his outcry, Puppy rebukes him, ' I ha' lost my purse too, and more in it than Ile speak of, but ere I'de crye for't as thou dost—Much good doe 'hem with all my heart. I doe reverence 'hem for't '. The Folio (and in this passage the Manuscript) cut the speech short at ' I ha' lost my purse too '. Cockrell continues ' What was there i' thy purse ? was the Lease of thy house in it ? ' and Puppy ' Or thy Granams silver Ring ? ' *Clod* : ' No, but a Mill-sixpence of my Mothers, I loved as dearely '. Here the Folio has ' What was there i' thy purse, thou keep'st such a whining ? ' and goes on to the lease and the ring. So the Manuscript, but with ' whimpering ' for ' whining '. In Clod's answer Folio and Manuscript weaken Clod's reply by leaving out ' of my Mothers ', which has point after ' Granams '. When a second collection is proposed to pay the piper, the texts are confused. The Duodecimo reads ' Masters, he can ill pipe that wants his upper lip. *Town*. Yes, a Bag-piper may want both '. The Manuscript stops at ' wants his upper lip ' ; and omits Townshead's speech. The Folio has ' wants his upper lippe ; Money ', which gives better point to ' both ' ; this text also drops Townshead's speech.

More important is the rewriting of the speeches about the Wenches. In the early version of the Duodecimo their losses are described by the men : ' they have rob'd *Prudence* of a Race of Ginger. . . . And *Maudlin* has lost an enchanted Nutmeg . . . and *Francis* her thimble, with a skeane of Coventry blew . . . And *Christian* her *Practice of Piety*, with a bow'd groat, and the Ballad of whoop *Barnabee* . . . ' In the Folio (as in the Manuscript) the girls all speak for themselves, making the setting far more lifelike.

There are also variations in word and phrase between the two texts : for example

<i>Duodecimo</i>	<i>Folio</i>
Prologue at	
Burley, 20 poure (MS.)	heape
235 drops	draught (draughte MS.)
239 strict	long (MS.)

<i>Duodecimo</i>	<i>Folio</i>
239 wink (MS.)	shrinke
279 time	line (MS.)
363 Starres	States (MS.)
437 you	he (MS.)
817 <i>Meg</i>	Pegge (MS.)
832 maunds	stalkes (MS.)
855 Hobnaile	right nayle (MS.)
869 notwithstanding	<i>non upstant</i> (MS.)
1184 avowes (MS.)	arowse
1189 left sullen	sullen (MS.)
1224 for Posies (MS.)	and posies
1273 his Beere and his Biefe	his bread, beare, and beife (MS.)

Of the misreadings which disfigure the text of the Folio the worst are :—‘ the horse ’ for the ‘ one horse ’, on which the five gipsy children are mounted (l. 58–9); ‘ Or great *Coriphæus* ’ for ‘ our great ’ (l. 172); ‘ mine ’ for ‘ mint ’ (l. 201); ‘ Town ’ for ‘ Ton ’ (l. 203): ‘ trinckets ’ for ‘ tricketts ’ (l. 217); ‘ urands ’ for ‘ viands ’ (l. 247); ‘ sallance ’ for ‘ ballance ’ (l. 323); ‘ heart for ‘ hurt ’ (l. 516): ‘ told ’ for ‘ robd ’ (l. 531); ‘ pish ’ for ‘ parish ’ (l. 746);¹ ‘ tri’mge ’ for ‘ triinge ’ (l. 874); ‘ *Com. Pan. Puppie* ’ for ‘ Come, *Paul Puppy* ’ (l. 884); and ‘ lore ’ for ‘ love ’ (l. 1432). Speakers’ names are omitted, the Patrico’s at lines 957 and 1028, and Cockrell’s at line 1168.

A copy of the Masque is found in Harley MS. 4955 of the British Museum on folios 2–30. This manuscript, as its contents show, was made for the Newcastle family, probably for the Earl, who was Jonson’s patron. The text has no independent value: it follows the 1640 Folio in all its errors. For example, ‘ or great *Coriphæus* ’ (l. 172), ‘ Vrands ’ (l. 247), ‘ Sallance ’ (l. 323) ‘ tri’mge ’ (l. 874), and ‘ *Com. Pan. Puppie* ’ (l. 884). It agrees with the Folio in omitting lines 180, 259, 402–4, and the speakers’ names before lines 957 and 1168. It differs from the Folio only in preserving in the margin at line 157 the two lines

¹ The MS. had the contraction ‘ pish ’.

spoken at Belvoir, though without the heading which makes them intelligible, and at lines 211 foll. the lines spoken at Windsor, again without the heading. The Folio inserts these last in the text, but has not got the first 'There be Gentry Coues here' . . . , which could not be worked in after 'Theres a *Gentry-Cove* here'. The explanation of this manuscript text appears to be that the scribe took it from the Folio copy before it went to press. After the Folio had been printed there would be no point in copying out this masque from it: there is no evidence that members of the Cavendish family took part in any of the performances; if they had done so, the Earl could have secured a sounder text. But it is possible that the references to Derby and the Peak, and the Gipsies mustering there, had sufficient local interest to justify a copy being made.

Owing to the different performances the texts confuse the arrangement of the dances. The first dance, the entrance of the Captain, is at line 113. The second dance is repeated in successive strains. Originally these came (1) before the King's fortune at line 260; (2) after the King's fortune at line 352; (3) after the Prince's fortune at line 405; (4) after the Marchioness of Buckingham's fortune at line 458; (5) after the Countess of Exeter's fortune at line 491; (6) after the conclusion of the Ladies' fortunes at line 556. But the list was shortened at Windsor. 'Dance 2, straine 3', which followed the Prince's fortune, preceded the fortunes of the Lords as it had preceded the fortunes of the Ladies; so it is repeated in the text at line 560. 'Strain 4' follows the Lord Steward's fortune after line 644. The fifth strain was not played at Windsor, but at lines 698-700 the text goes on as if it had been—'*Dance 2. 6 straine, w^{ch} leades into Dance 3*'. During the third dance at Windsor the Clowns enter. They add an element of variety by having a country dance of their own (l. 799). There is a final dance of the Gipsies after their transformation at line 1290. Such is the manuscript arrangement, and the Folio agrees

with it, except that it omits '*Dance 2. 4 straine*' at Windsor (ll. 644-5), which is also omitted in the Duodecimo. The Duodecimo text is confused. In its first state it gives '*Dance 3*' at line 352, '*Dance 4*' at line 458, '*Dance 6*' at line 559. '*Dance 5*', which should have come at l. 549, is omitted. The second state of this text has '*Dance 3. 2 Straine*'—a misprint for '*Dance 2*'—at line 352, and then continues the second dance—'*Straine 3*' at line 405, '*Straine 4*' at line 458, and '*Straine 5*' at line 491.

The varying texts of this masque present a difficult problem to an editor. The Heber Manuscript, good though it is, has omissions. The first state of the Duodecimo, which is the best of the printed texts, is preserved in an imperfect copy; the resetting of this is careless. The Folio text is execrable. Clearly the Manuscript is the text to follow. It has this special advantage that, except where Jonson completely recast portions of it, such as the episode of the Clowns and Wenches at Windsor, it relegates to the margin his alternative passages with headlines '*At Bever*', '*At Windsor*', and so avoids confusion. But it is not written in the form in which Jonson would have sent it to a printer or a patron. Faced with the necessity of printing a text which will, as far as possible, help the reader, we have decided to edit the Manuscript, supplying the necessary punctuation and inserting, with the clue afforded by conical brackets, the few passages which were accidentally omitted or which we know to have been added at the performances.

Our text therefore is in the nature of a compromise, but, subject to the adjustments we have indicated, we adhere closely to the Manuscript. Taking the holograph of *The Masque of Queens* as our model, we print, without recording the change of type, a capital letter at the beginning of every line of verse: the Manuscript has hardly any, and it sometimes omits the capital at the beginning of a speech in prose. We silently supply the missing stops after the names of characters in the speech-headings: the Manuscript in-

serts or omits them at haphazard. Few stops appear in the body of the text, even when the sense urgently requires them; sometimes three or four are needed in a single line. The critical apparatus would be swamped if we recorded them in it: so we have drawn up a separate list of the passages which have been punctuated, thereby leaving ourselves free to record only changes of reading. In the critical apparatus we use the following symbols:

MS., the Huntington Manuscript.

D, the Duodecimo of 1640; when it is necessary to indicate the two states of this text, the first state preserved in the cancelled leaves of the Cambridge copy and the final form in which Okes published it, they are marked D 1 and D 2.

F, the Folio of 1640.

N, the Newcastle Manuscript, Harley MS. 4955.

W and G, the readings of Whalley and Gifford.

Conical brackets mark words inserted in the text. Where a later text omits an earlier reading, we mark the omission 'om.' Where a later text makes an addition, we mark it 'not in MS.'

As Jonson consistently used capital 'I' for the modern 'I' and 'J' and it is found in the texts, quarto and folio, printed in his lifetime, we have adopted it where the long-tailed 'I' is found in the Manuscript. It is absurd to print '*John de Indagine*' in line 186 when the same form is used for both capitals.

Only one modern critical edition of *The Gypsies Metamorphosed* has been published, that which Dr. George Watson Cole edited for the Modern Language Association of America in 1931. He made the Manuscript accessible for the first time in a facsimile; he prefaced it with a facsimile of the Duodecimo of 1640, and added a facsimile of three of the cancelled leaves from the Chew-Huntington copy. He discussed the relation of these texts and collated the Folio of 1640. With the knowledge thus acquired he

differentiated the Burley, Belvoir, and Windsor versions and worked out the history of the Masque. He printed the music of three of the songs. His study is minutely and elaborately bibliographical. Dr. Samuel A. Tannenbaum has called attention to some misreadings of the Manuscript, but a few of his corrections themselves need correction, as Dr. Greg has pointed out.¹ We ourselves have used a photostat which the late William Augustus White, the then owner of the Manuscript, kindly presented to us. It is much clearer to read than the line-block facsimile and has enabled us to make some additional corrections. We gratefully acknowledge the heavy obligation under which Dr. Cole has laid all editors of the Masque, and we have made full use of his scholarly researches.

A modernized text of this masque, taken from the Huntington Manuscript, was issued by Professors C. F. Tucker Brooke and N. B. Paradise in *English Drama 1580-1642*, 1933, pages 625-44.

¹ *Publications of the Modern Language Association of America*, vol. xvii, pp. 909-10; ib. xlix, p. 963.

Diana 2.

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1. *Præm. song 2.*

The fairy hounds pounce you
the stars to enlighten you
In *Misere of Light*
in the *Name of Night*
till the first dark hath arisen

The wheel of Fortune guide you
the way with the horse bridge you
run in the way
till the birds of day
and the lucid lost beside you

Captain.

Relieve my master's Master the only in the young
from the gate of the heart and the *steele* of the
with you lucky bird I begin to see
I cannot be the best and I know you are here
Lyon's some luck ahead of I pull a hand
The ground of my Olet / *Lyon's a Gentleman's hand*
the life it for luck sake you should, by this time
I could a horse and a horse but no part of a wine
To hunt the horse stay not so much for you
as the wale of you have and the health of you

〈The Gypsies Metamorphos'd.〉

At the Kings entrance at Burly.

If for or thoughte there could but speeche be found,
 And all that speeche be vttered in one sound,
 So that some Power aboue vs, would afford
 The meanes to make a *Language* of a *word*,
 It should be *Wellcome*. In that onelie voice 5
 We would receaue, retaine, enioy, reioyce,
 And all effecte of *Loue*, and *Life*, dispence,
 Till it were calld a Copious Eloquence.
 ffor should we vent or spirits, nowe you are come,
 In other sillabes, were as to be dombe. 10
Wellcome, & wellcome, then, and enter here
 The house yo^r bountie hath built, and still doth reare
 Wth those highe fauo^{rs}, and those heapd increases,
 As shoves a hand not greiu'd, but when it ceases.
 The *Master* is yo^r Creature, as the *Place*, 15
 And euerie good about him is yo^r *Grace*,
 Whome, though he stand by silent, thincke not rude,
 But as a man turnd all to gratitude,
 For what he neu'r can hope how to restore,
 Since while he meditates one, you poure on more, 20
 Vouchsafe to thincke he onelie is opprest
 With theire aboundance, not that in his brest
 His powers are stupid growne; for please you enter
Him, and his house, and searche him to the Center :
 You'll finde within no thancke, or vowes, there 〈shorter〉 25
 For hauing trusted thus much to his *Porter*. /

Title in D The Masque of the Gypsies. Written by Ben: Jonson. *No heading in N* At . . . Burly.] The Masque of THE GYPSIES. | *At the Kings Entrance.* D : THE SPEECH AT THE KINGS ENTRANCE AT BURLEIGH. F : The Speech at the King's entrance at Burleigh, made in the character of the Porter. G 2 vttered] uttred D 7 effecte] affects D 9 spirits D, F : sperritte MS 10 sillabes F. Cunningham conj. : sillabes MS, D, F (' Syllabe ' is Jonson's invariable form, e.g. throughout ' The English Grammar ') to om. D 12 hath om. D 14 As] which D, F neu'r] ne're D : never F 20 poure] heape F 21 is interlined in MS 24 him] them F 25 shorter D : shorter F

Prologue at

Windsor.

- As many blessinge as there be bones
 30 In *Ptolomees* fingers, and all at ones,
 Held vp in an *Andrews* Crosse for the nones,
 Light on you, good Master.
 I dare be no waster
 Of time, or of speeche,
 35 Where you are in place :
 I onelie beseeche
 You take in good grace
 Our following the Court,
 Since 'tis for yo^r sport,
 40 To haue you still merry
 And not make you wery.
 Wee may striue to please
 So longe (some will say) till we growe a disease.
 But you, Sr, that twice
 45 Haue grac'd vs alreadie, encourage to thrice ;
 Wherein, if o^r bouldnes yo^r patience invade,
 Forgiue vs the fault that yo^r fauour hath made. /

The

GYPSIES

- 50 *metamorphos'd.*

Enter

- A Gipsie, leading a horse laden wth five little
 children bound in a trace of scarfes vpon him.
 A second, leading another horse laden wth stolne
 55 poultrie, &c. The first leading Gipsie speakes,
 beeing the*

I A C K M A N.

Prologue at Windsor not in D : in F printed before the speech of wel-
 come at Burly 30 *Ptolomees*] *Ptolome's* F 31 an om. F
 45 encourage] encourage F 46 o^r originally 'your' in MS.
 THE GYPSIES METAMORPHOS'D 52 a Gipsie] a Gipsy (being the
 Juckman) G 55 &c. om. F

Roome for the five Princes of *Ægipt*, mounted all vpon one horse, like the fower sonnes of *Aymon*, to make the miracle the more by a head, if it may bee. Gaze vppon them as on 60 the ofspringe of *Ptolomee*, begotten vppon sewall *Cleopatra's* in their seuerall Counties; especiallie on this braue sparke stricke out of *Flinteshire* vppon Iustice Iugge daughter, then Sheriffe of the Countie: who running away wth a kinsman of o^r *Captaines*, and her father pursuing her to the 65 marches, Hee greate wth Iustice, she greate wth Iugglinge, they were both, for the time, turnd stone vpon the sight of eache other in *Chester*, till at last (see the wonder) a Iugg of the Towne ale reconciling them, the memoriall of bothe their grauties, his in beard and hers in belly, hath remaind 70 euer since preseru'de in picture vpon the most stone iuge of the kingdome. The famous Impe yet grewe a wretchock, and though for seauen yeaes together he were carefullie carried at his mothers backe, rockd in a Cradle of welche cheese like a maggott, and there fed wth broken beare and 75 blowne wine of the best daylie, yet lookes he as if he neuer sawe his *quinquennium*. 'Tis true, he can thred needles on horse backe, or drawe a yard of yncle through his nose; but what is that to a growen *Gipsie*, one o'the blood, and of his time if he had thriu'd? Therefore (till wth his painefull 80 Progenitor^s he be able to beate it on the hard hoofe to the *ben bowse* or the *stauling Ken*, to nip a *Ian* and *cly the iarke*) 'tis thought fitt he marche in the Infante equipage,

Wth the *convoy*, *cheates*, and *peckage*,
Out of clutch of *Harman-beckage*,
To their *Libkens* at the *Crackmans*,
Or some *skipper* of the *Blackmans*.

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58 *Ægipt*] *Ægypt* D one] the F 59 *Aymon*] *Ammon* D 60 a *inter-*
lined in MS. 61 *Ptolomee*] *Ptolemy* D: *Ptolomie* F 62 Counties]
Countries F 63 stricke] strook D: strooke F 66 marches] Marshes F
she greate] she D 67 time] same time D 67-8 of eache] each of F
68 last] the last D 71 of] in D 72 wretchock] wretchocke F
73 were] was D carefullie] very carefully F 76] of] o' F best] best, D
77 *quinquennium*] *Quinguinever* D: *Guinquennium* F, N on] o' F
78 or] to F 79 what is] what's D, F o'] of D, F 81 hard om. D
to] or F 82 *bowse*] *Bawse* F *stauling Ken*,] *Starling, Ken* F: *Starlinge:*
Ken N and] or D *iarke*] *Jack* F 86 their] the D

2 G Y P S Y E.

90 Where the *Cacklers*, but no *Grunters*,
 Shall vncasd be for the Hunters,
 Those we still must keepe aliue,
 I, and put them forthe to thriue
 In the Parke, and in the Chases,
 And the finer walled places,
 95 As S^t *James'es*, *Greenewich*, *Tiballs*,
 Where the akorns, plumpe as chiballe,
 Soone shall chaunge bothe kinde and name,
 And proclaime them the *Kings* game.
 So the Act no harme may bee
 100 Vnto theire keeper *Barnabee*,
 It will proue as good a scruiue
 As did euer *Gypsie Gervice*,
 Or o^r *Captaine Charles*, the tall man,
 And a part to of o^r *salmon*. /

Iackman

105 If here we be a little obscure, it is o^r pleasure, for rather then
 wee will offer to be o^r owne Interpreters, we are resolu'd
 not to be vnderstood: yet if any man doubt of the signi-
 ficancie of the language, wee refer him to the third volume
 110 of *Reports* sett forthe by the learned in the lawes of *Can-*
tinge, and published in the Gypsie tounge. Giue me my
Guittara, and roome for o^r *Cheife*.

*Dance .I.**being*

115 *The Entrance of the*
CAPT A I N E.

wth sixe more to a stand. /

92 forthe] out F 95 *James'es, Greenewich*] *Jamses, Greenwitch* D
 98 them] 'hem D: 'em F 103 Or] To F 104 to] too D, F 106
 here we] we here F then] than D, F 108 doubt] doe doubt D
 113-16 *Dance .I. being . . . CAPT A I N E.] Dance .I. The Captaine danceth*
forth D: *Dance.* Which is the entrance of the Captaine, F 117 to
a stand.] attendant; F

*After which the Iackman
singes.*

Songe .I. 120

ffrom the famous *Peake of Darby*
And the *Devills arse* there hard by,
Where we yearelie keepe o^r musters,
Thus th' *Ægyptians* throng in clusters.

Be not frighted wth o^r fashion, 125
Though wee seeme a tattered nation ;
Wee account o^r ragge o^r riches,
So o^r trickę exceed our stiches.

Giue vs *Bacon*, rindes of *wallnuts*,
Shelle of Cockles and of small-nutte, 130
Ribandę, belle, and saffrond linnen,
All the world is ours to winne in.

Knacks we haue that will delight you,
Slightę of hand that will invite you
To indure o^r tawney faces, 135
And not cause you *cut yo^r laces*.

{windsor quit
yo places}

All yo^r fortunes we can tell yee,
Be they for yo^r backe or bellye,
In the moodes too, and the tenses,
That may fitt yo^r fine five sences. 140

Drawe but then yo^r gloues, we pray you,
And sitt still, we will not fray you,
ffor, though wee be here at *Burly*,
Wee'd be lothe to make a *hurly*. /

Patrico. 145

Stay, my sweete singer,
The touch of thy finger
A little, and linger
For me, that am bringer

121 Peak] Peacke F 122 hard by] hard-by F 124 th'] the F *Ægyptians*
Ægyptians D 134 Slightę] slight F 136 And . . . laces.] Wo. *Quit your*
places; and not cause you cut your laces. F (so N) (margin) Windsor . . . *places*.
not in D 137 yee D, F : you MS 143 here corr. F: heare F *originally*

150 Of bound to the border,
The *Rule*, and *Recorder*,
And mouth of yo^r *order*,
As Preist of the game
And Prelate of the same.

155 There's a *Gentry-Coue* here
Is the top of the shire
Of the *Beauer ken*,
A Man among men.
You need not to feare,
160 I haue an Eye, and an Eare,
That turnes here and there
To looke to o^r geare.
Some say that there be
One or two, if not three,
165 That are greater then hee.

At Beauer.

There be Gentry
Coues here
Are the Cheife of
the shire.

And for the Roome-morte,
I knowe by their porte,
And their ioylly resort,
They are of the sorts
170 That loue the true sports
Of king *Ptolomæus*,
Our greate *Coryphæus*,
And Queene *Cleopatra*,
The *Gipsyes* grand-matra.
175 Then, if we shall sharke it,
Here faire is, and Markett.

Leaue pig by, and goose,
And play fast & loose,
A short cutt & longe,
180 Wth (euer and among)
Some inche of a song,

152 yo^r] the *F* 155-9 (margin) *At Beauer* . . . shire. not in *D*, *F*
156 (margin) *Gentry*] *Gentry* lo *MS.* (the scribe beginning to write 'lords')
158 among] amongst *D* 160 I haue] I've *D* 165 then] than *D*
168 there om. *D* ioylly] jolly *D*: jollie *F* 172 Our] Or *F*, *N*
Coryphæus *D*: *Coriphæus* *MS*, *F* 180 Wth . . . among] om. *F*, *N*

- Pythagoras* lott
 Drawne out of a pott,
 Wth what sayes *Alchindus*
 And *Pharaotes Indus*, 185
Iohn de Indagine,
 Wth all theire *paginæ*
 Treating of *Palmistry*,
 And this is all mistry.
- Lay by yo^r wimbles, 190
 Yo^r boringe for thimbles,
 Or vsing yo^r nimbles
 In diuing the pockette
 And sounding the socketts
 Of *Simper-the-Cocketts*, 195
 Or angling the purses
 Of such as will curse vs.
 But in the stricte duell
 Be merrie and cruell,
 Strike faire at some iewell, 200
- That *minte* may accrue well,
 For that is the fuell
 To make the Tonne brew well,
 And the pott ringe well,
 And the braine singe well, 205
 W^{ch} wee may bringe well
 About by a stringe well,
 And doe the thinge well.
- It is but a straine
 Of true *Legier de maine* 210
 Once, twice, and againe. *At windsor.*
- Or what will you say nowe, Or what will you say nowe,
 If wth o^r fine play nowe, If wth o^r fine play nowe,

187 *paginæ*] *Pagine* F, N 188 Treating of] Faces and D: Of faces
 and F, N 189 all mistry] all mystery D: *Almistrie* F: *Almistrye* N
 195 *Simper-the-Cocketts*.] *simper the Cocketts* MS: *semper-the-Cockets* D:
Simper-the-Cockets F 201 *minte*] *mynt* N: *mine* F 203 Tonne] Tuns
 D: Town F: towne N brew well] brew 'ell D 204 ringe] wring F
 211-18 (margin) *At windsor* . . . charges. not in D: in F preceding l. 212
 without the heading ' *At windsor* '

- O^r knackes and <our> dances,
 215 We worke on the fancies
 Of some of theise *nancies*,
 These *Tricketts* and *Tripsies*,
 And make 'em turne *Gypsies*?
 Here's no Justice *Lippus*
 220 Will seeke for to nip vs
 In *Cramp-ringe* or *Cippus*,
 And then for to stripp vs,
 And after to whipp vs,
 While here we doe tary
 225 (His Iustice to vary)
 But be wise and wary
 And we may both cary—
 The *Kate* <and> the *Mary*
 And all the bright aëry
 230 Away to the Quarry,
 If o^r braue *Ptolomee*
 Will but say, followe mee.
- O^r feates and o^r fingering,
 Here without lingering,
 Cousening the sighte
 Of the Lords & the knighte,
 Some one of theire *Georges*
 Come of to saue charges?
 At *windsor*.
 The *George* & the *garter*
 Into o^r owne quarter;
 Or durst I goe farder
 In methode & order,
 There's a purse & a seale
 I'haue a great minde to
 steal,
 That when o^r tricks are
 done,
 Wee might seale o^r owne
 pdon.
 All this we may doe,
 And a greate deale more too,
 If o^r braue *Ptolomee*
 Will but say, followe me.

3. *Gypsie*.

- Captaine*, if euer at the bowsing *ken*
 235 You haue in draughte of *Darby* drilld yo^r men,

214 knackes and] Knackets, and *D*: knackes, and our *F* 217
Tricketts] trinckets *F* 216 of] o' *D* 218 'em] 'hem *D* 219
 (margin) Come] Cast *W* 219 (margin) of] off *F* 221 -ringe] -rings
 MS 223-30 (margin) *At windsor* . . . more too, not in *D*: in *F*
 between II, 230-1 without the heading 'At windsor' 224-5 While
 here . . . vary]] His Iustice to varry, | While here we doe tarry. *D*: His
 justice to vary, | While here we doe tary, *F* 226 be interlined in
 MS. 228 and *D*, *F* 231 (& margin) *Ptolomee*] *Ptolomee* *D*, *F* 229
 aëry] aery MS: Aery *D*: ae'ry *F* 234 bowsing] Bozing *F* 235
 draughte] drops *D*: draught *F*

And we haue seru'd there armed all in ale
 Wth the browne bowle, and chargd in braggatt stale ;
 If musterd thus, and disciplind in drinke,
 In o^r longe watches wee did neuer wincke,
 But, so comāunded by you, kept o^r station 240
 As we preserud o^r selues a Loyall Nation,
 And neuer yett did braunche of statute breake
 Made in yo^r famous *Pallace* of the *Peake* ;
 If we haue deemd that *mutton*, *lambe*, or *veale*,
Chick, *Capon*, *Turky*, sweetest wee did steale, 245
 As being by o^r *Magna Carta* taught
 To iudge no viande wholesome that are bought ;
 If for o^r Linnen we still vsd the lifte,
 And wth the hedge (our *Trades increase*) made shifte,
 And euer at yo^r solemne feasts and Calle 250
 We haue beene readie, wth th' *Ægyptian* bralle,
 To sett *Kitt-Callot* forthe in prose or ryme,
 Or who was *Cleopatra* for the time :
 If we haue done this, that, more, such, or so,
 Nowe lend yo^r eare but to the *Patrico*. / 255

Captaine.

Well, dance another straine, & wee'll thincke howe.

〈2. *Gypsie*.

Meane time in song doe you conceive some vow.〉

Dance .2. 260

I. straine. song .2.

The faery beame vppon you,
 The starres to glisten on you,
 A Moone of light
 In the Noone of night, 265
 Till the firedrake hath oregon you.

236 there] thee *D* 237 braggatt] Bragot *D* : bragget *F* 239
 longe] strict *D* wincke] shrink *F* 241 Loyall] royall *F*
 242 yett did] did yet *D* 246 *Carta*] *Charta* *D, F* 247 viande]
 urands *F* : Vrands *N* 250 feasts] feast *F* 251 *Ægyptian*]
Ægyptian *D, F* 258-9 2 *Gypsie* Editor: 1 *Gypsie* *D* 2 *Gypsie* . . . vow.
om. MS. (in which it is the last line of p. 10), F, N 261 1. *straine. om. D*

The wheele of fortune guide you,
 The Boy wth the bowe beside you
 Runne ay in the way
 270 Till the birde of day
 And the luckier lott betide you. /

Captaine. /

Blesse my sweete Masters, the ould and the younge,
 From the gall of the hart, and the stroake of the tou<nge.)
 275 Wth you, lucky bird, I begin ; lett mee see,
 I aime at the best, and I trowe you are hee.
 Here's some lucke, alreadie, if I vnderstand
 The groundē of my Art. Here's a Gentlemans hand.
 I'le kisse it for lucke sake, you should by this line
 280 Loue a horse and a hound, but no part of a swine ;
 To hunt the braue stag, not so much for yo^r food,
 As the weale of yo^r bodie, and the healt^he of yo^r blood.
 Y'are a man of good meanes, and haue territories store,
 Both by sea and by land, and were borne, S^r, to more,
 285 W^{ch} you, like a Lord and a Prince of yo^r peace,
 Content wth yo^r hauinge, despise to increase.
 You are no greate wencher, I sec by yo^r table,
 Although yo^r *Mons Veneris* sayes you are able.
 You liue chaste and single, and haue buried yo^r wife,
 290 And meane not to marrie by the line of yo^r life.
 Whence he that coniectures yo^r qualitie, learnes
 You' are an honest good man, and haue care of yo^r barnes.
 Your *Mercuries* hill too a witt doth betoken,
 Some booke crafte you haue, and are prettie well spoken.
 295 But stay ! in yo^r *Iupiters Mount*, what's here !
 A Kinge ! a Monarch ! what wonders appeare !

272 *Captaine.*] *Captaine goes up to the King.* D: *Capt.* [surveying the company.] G: The kings fortune spoken by my Lo: Marquesse Bu. *Record Office MS.* 275 After 'begin' [goes up to the king.] G 278 my] mine F
 279 should] shall F line] time D 281 yo^r] the D, F 282 of yo^r
 ... of yo^r] of the ... of the D: of your ... o' your F 283 Y'are] You
 are D: Your F territories] Territorie D 292 You' are] You are
 D, F haueom. F, N 293 too] too, D 295 stay! Dr: stay D 2: stay, F
 what's] what is G here! Dr: here? D2, F 296 Kinge! Dr: Kinge D2:
 King, F Monarch! Dr: Monarch; D2, F appeare! F: appeare? Dr

Highe ! bountifull ! iust ! a *Ioue* for yo^r partē !
A Master of men, and that raigne in theire hartē !

I'll tell it my traine,
And come to you againe.

300

Song .3.

To the old, longe life and treasure,
To the young, all healthe and pleasure,
To the faire, theire face
Wth eternall grace,
And the foule to be lou'd at leasure.

305

To the wittie, all cleare mirrors,
To the foolishe, their darke errors,
To the lovinge sprite
A secure delight,
To the iealous his owne false terrors. /

310

After w^{ch} the Kings

Fortune

is pursued by the

Captaine.

315

Could any doubt, that sawe this hand,
Or who you are, or what commaund
You haue vpon the fate of things,
Or would not say you were let downe
From heauen, on earthe to be the Crowne
And top of all yo^r neighbour kinge ?

320

To see the wayes of truthe you take
To ballance business, and to make

297 Highe ! bountifull ! iust ! *Dr* (High !) : High, Bountifull, Just :
D2, F parte!] parts! *Dr* : parts, *D2, F* 298 hearte!] hearts. *D, F*
300 *Withdraws.* add *G* 308 errors,] errors, *Dr* : errors ; *D2, F*
309 sprite *Dr* : sprite, *D2* : sprite, *F* 312-15 *After w^{ch} . . . Captaine.*
Captaine goes up againe. *D1* : *Capt.* [*Advances again to the king.*] *G* 320
heauen,] Heauen *Dr* : Heauen, *D2* : Heauen, *F* 323 ballance] sal-
lance *F, N*

- All Christian differences cease :
 325 Or till the quarrell and the cause
 You can compose, to giue them lawes,
 As *Arbiter* of *warre* and *Peace*?
- ffor this, of all the world you shall
 Be stiled *Iames* the iust, and all
 330 Their states dispose, their sonnes and daug^{hters}.
 And for yo^r fortune you alone
 Amongst them all shall worke yo^r owne,
 By peace, and not by humane slaughters.
- But why doe I presume, though true,
 335 To tell a fortune, S^r, to you,
 Who are the maker here of all,
 Where none doe stand, or sitt in veiwe,
 But owe their fortunes vnto you,
 At least what they good fortune call?
- My selfe a *Gypsye* here doe shine,
 340 Yet are you Maker, S^r, of mine.
 ô that Confession would content
 So highe a bountie, that doth knowe
 No part of motion but to flowe,
 345 And giuinge neuer to repent.
- May still the matter wayte yo^r hand,
 That it not feele or stay or stand,
 But all desart still ouercharge.
 And may yo^r goodnes euer finde
 350 In mee, whome you haue made, a minde
 As thanckfull as yo^r owne is large. /

324 cease: *D1*: cease, *D2*: cease. *F* 331 fortune] fortunes
D2 332 Amongst] Among *D1*, 2, *F* 333 and *om.* *F* 334-
 51 So *MS*, *D2*, *F*: This little from so short a view, | I tell, and as a
 teller true | Of Fortunes, but their Maker, sir, are you. *D1* 335
 to] unto *D2* 338 fortunes] Forrune *D2*: fortune *F* 339
 fortune] fortunes *D2*, *F* 348 desart] desert *D*, *F*

2. Dance

2. straine

After w^{ch}, the Princes fortune
is offerd at by the 355

2. Gypsye.

As my *Captaine* hath begunne
 Wth the Sire, I take the Sonne.
 Yo^r hand, Sir.
 Of yo^r fortune be secure, 360
 Loue, and shee, are both at yo^r
 Comaund, Sr.

See what states are here at strife,
 Who shall tender you a wife,
 A braue one ; 365
 And a fitter for a Man
 Then is offerd here, you can-
 Not haue one.

Shee is sister of a Starre,
 One the noblest nowe that are, 370
 Bright *Hesper*,
 Whome the *Indians* in the East
Phosphore call, and in the west
 Hight *vesper*.

Courses, even wth the sunne, 375
 Dothe her mightie Brother runne,
 For splendor :
 What can to the marriage night
 More than morne and Evening light
 Attend her, 380

352 2. Dance] Dance 3. D 354 After w^{ch},] In which D1
 356 2. Gypsye] The Princes <fortune spoken> by Lo: ffeilding. Record
 Office MS. 361 Loue, and shee,] Loue and she D1 363
 states] Starres D2 367 Then] Than D1 offer'd] offred D1
 374 Hight D2, F: Height MS, D1 375 Courses, D1: Courses
 MS, D2, F sunne,] Sunne, D1, D2: sunne MS: Sunne F 377
 For] Of D1

Saue the promise before day
 Of a little *Iames* to play
 Hereafter
 'Twixt his *Grandsires* knees, and moue
 385 All the prettie waies of *Loue*,
 And laughter ?
 Whilst wth care you striue to please,
 In yo^r giuing his cares ease,
 And labors ;
 390 And by being longe the ayde
 Of the *Empire*, make afraide
 ill neighbours :
 Till yo^r selfe shall come to see
 What wee wishe, yet far to bee
 395 attendinge,
 ffor it skillę not when, or where
 That beginnes, w^{ch} cannot feare
 An endinge :
 Since yo^r name in *peace* or *warres*
 400 Nought shall bound vntill the starres
 Vp take you,
 And to all succeedinge veiue
 Heauen a Constellation newe
 Shall make you. /

405 *Dance .2. /*
 3. *straine.*

After w^{ch}, the Lady Marques Buckinghames,
 by the
 3. *Gypsye.*

410 Horle after an olde shoe.
 I'le be merrie what ere I doe,

381-404 So MS, D2, F: not in D1 386 laughter] laughte D2 origin-
 ally 402-4 Om. D2, F, N 405-6 Dance . . . straine. not in D1 406
 Straine] Staine F 407 After w^{ch}, the] The D1 407-9 After w^{ch}
 . . . Gypsye] The Lady Marquesse <fortune spoken> by Mr. Porter. Record
 Office MS 410 Horle] Hurle D1, D2, F 411 ere] ever F

Though I keepe no time
 My words shall chime,
 I'll ouertake the sence wth a rime.
 fface of a *Rose*, 415
 I pry'thee dispose
 Some small peece of siluer, it shalbe no losse,
 But onelie to make the signe of the Crosse.
 If yo^r hand you hallowe,
 Good fortune will followe ; 420
 I sweare by theise ten,
 You shall haue it agen,
 I doe not say when.
 But, Lady, either I am tipsie,
 Or you are to fall in loue wth a *Gypsie*. 425
 Blushe not, dame *Kate*,
 For earelie, or late,
 I doe assure you, it wilbe yo^r fate.
 Nor need you be once ashamd of it, Madam,
 He's as handsome a man as euer was *Adam*, 430
 A Man out of wax,
 As a Ladie would aks :
 Yet he is not to wed ye,
 H'as enioyed you alreadie,
 And I hope he has sped ye. 435
 A dayntie younge Fellowe,
 And, though he looke yellowe,
 He neu'r wilbe iealous,
 But loue you most zealous,
 There's neuer a line in yo^r hand but dothe tell vs. 440
 And you are a soule so white, and so chaste,
 A Table so smoothe, and so newlie rast,

414 ouertake] ouer take MS. 416 pry'thee] pray thee *Dr*, *D2*, *F*
 dispose] depose *D*, *F* 419 hallowe] hollow *Dr*, *D2* 432 aks:]
 ak's *Dr*: axe; *D2*, *F* 433 he is] he's *D2*: hee's *F* 434 you
om. Dr 436 younge] yong *F* 437 he] you *D2* 438
 neu'r] ne're *Dr*: never *D2*, *F* 440 There's neuer] There is not *Dr*:
 Ther's never *D2*, *F* 442 rast] ras't *Dr*: ra'ste *D2*, *F*

As nothinge calld foule
 Dares approache wth a blott
 445 Or any least spott ;
 But still you controule
 Or make yo^r owne lott,
 Preseruing Loue pure, as it first was begott.

But, *Dame*, I must tell ye,
 450 The fruite of yo^r belly
 Is that you must tender,
 And care so to render,
 That, as yo^r selfe came
 455 In blood, and in name,
 From one house of *fame*,
 So that may remaine
 The *Glory* of twaine.

*Dance 2.**4 straine.*

460 *After w^{ch}, the Countess of*
Rutlands by the
3. Gypsie.

You, sweete Lady, haue a hand too,
 And a fortune you may stand too ;
 465 Both yo^r brauerie, and yo^r bountie,
 Stile you Mistres of the Countie.
 You will finde it from this night,
Fortune will forgett her spight
 And heape all the blessinge on you
 470 That shee can poure out vpon you.
 To be lou'd, where most you loue,
 Is the worst that you shall proue,

444 Dares] Dare D₁, D₂, F 458-9 Dance 2. 4. Strains.] Dance 4.
 D₁ : 2 Dance. Strain 4. D₂ 460 After w^{ch},] In which D₁ 465
 brauerie] brav'ry D₂, F and] O D₁ 467 it om. D₁ 468 will]
 shall D₁, D₂, F

And by him to be imbract,
 Who so longe hath knowne you chaste,
 Wise, and faire, whil'st you renewe 475
 Ioyes to him, and he to you :
 And when both yo^r yeares are told,
 Neither thincke the other ould.

*And the Countess of Exeters by the
 Patrico. /* 480

Madam, wee knewe of yo^r cominge so late,
 Wee could not well fitt you a nobler fate
 Then what you haue readie made.
 An old mans wife
 Is the light of his life, 485
 A younge one<s> is but his shade.
 You will not importune
 The chaunge of yo^r fortune,
 For, if you dare trust to my forecastinge,
 'Tis presentlie good, and it wilbe lastinge. 490

Dance .2.

5. straine.

*After w^{ch}, the Countess of Buckinghams
 by the*

4. Gypsie. 495

Yo^r pardon, Lady, here you stand,
 (If some should iudge you by yo^r hand)
 The greatest felon in the land
 Detected.

I cannot tell you by what arte, 500
 But you haue stolne so many harte
 As they would make you at all parte
 Suspected.

473 imbrac't] embrac'd Dr 479-90 Not in Dr 481 knewe]
 know D2, F 486 ones Editor 490 it om. D, F 491-3
Dance .2. 5. straine. After w^{ch}, Not in Dr 494 by the] by a Dr
 497 (If . . . hand) Dr: If . . . hand. D2: If and F

Yo^r very face firste, such a one
 505 As, beinge vewed, it was alone
 Too slipperie to be lookt vpon,
 And threwe men.

 But then yo^r *Graces* they were suche
 As none could e're behould too muche,
 510 Both euerie taste, and euerie touch
 So drewe men.

 Still blest in all you thincke or doe,
 Two of yo^r sonnes are *Gypsyes* too :
 You shall o^r *Queene* be, and see who
 515 Importunes

 The hurt of either yo^{rs}, or you,
 And dothe not wishe both *George* and *Su*,
 And euerie Barne besides, all newe
 Good fortunes. /

520 *The Lady Purbecks by the*
 2. *Gypsie.*

Helpe me wonder, here's a booke
 Where I would for euer looke.
 Neuer yet did *Gypsie* trace
 525 Smoother lines in hand, or face.
Venus here dothe *Saturne* moue
 That you should be *Queene of Loue* ;
 And the other starres consent,
 Onelie *Cupid's* not Content.
 530 For thoughe you the thefte disguyse,
 You haue robd him of his eyes.
 And, to shewe his *Envie* further,
 Here he chargeth you wth murther,

504 face firste,] face, first ; *Dr* 509 behould] behold *Dr*, *D2*, *F*
 510 euerie . . . euerie] ev'ry . . . ev'ry *D2*, *F* 514 see] he *Dr*, 2
 516 hurt] heart *D2*, *F*, *N* 517 not interlined in MS. 518
 besides] beside *Dr* 520 *The Lady*] *Dance* 5. | *In which the Lady Dr*
 522 booke] Booke ! *Dr* 525 hand] hands *F* 529 *Cupid's*]
Cupid F 531 robd] robb'd *Dr* : told *D2*, *F*, *N*

Sayes, although that at yo^r sight
 He must all his torches light, 535
 Though yo^r either Cheeke discloses
 Mingled bathes of milcke and roses,
 Though yo^r lippes be banckē of blisses,
 Where he plantē, and gathers kisses,
 And yo^r selfe the *Reason* why 540
 Wisest men for *Loue* may die,
 You will turne all hartē to tinder,
 And shall make the world one cinder.

And the Ladie Eliz : Hattons
by the 545
 5. *Gypsie.*

Mistris of a fairer Table
 Hath no historie nor fable.
 Others fortunes may be showne,
 You are builder of yo^r owne, 550
 And what euer heau'n hath gi'n you,
 You preserue the state still in you.
 That w^{ch} time would haue depart,
 Youth without the helpe of art,
 You doe keepe still, and the *Glorie* 555
 Of yo^r sexe, is but yo^r storye. /

At Windsor in place of the Ladies
 fortunes were spoken theise following
 of the Lordes.

Dance. 2. 560

3. *straine.*

The Lo : Keepers
by the
Patrico.

As happie a palme, Sr, as most in the land, 565
 It should be a pure, and an innocent hand,

535 torches] troches F 536 Cheeke] cheeks F 544 *And the*] *The*
 Dr 546 5.] 4. Dr 548 no] not F 551 heau'n] Heaven Dr gi'n]
 given D2, F 557-9 *Not in D, F. In D2, F, N, the Lord Chamberlain's*
fortune (ll. 681-97) *follows at this point* 560-700 *Not in Dr which has*
 'Dance 6' 562 *Keepers*] *Keepers fortune* D2, F 565 in] i' D2, F

And worthy the trust,
 For it sayes you'll be iust,
 And carrie that purse
 570 Without any curse
 Of the publique weale,
 When you take out the seale.
 You doe not appeare
 A Iudge of a yeare.
 575 <I'le venture my life,
 You never had wife,
 But I'le venture my skill,
 You may when you will.>
 You haue the *Kings* conscience too in yo^r brest,
 580 And that's a good *Guest*,
 W^{ch} you'll haue true touch of,
 And yet not make mutch of,
 More then by *Truthe* yo^r selfe forthe to bringe
 The man that you are, for *God*, and the *Kinge*.//

585 *The Lo : Tresurers*

by the

3. *Gypsie*.

I Come, S^r, to borrowe, and you'll graunt my demaund, S^r,
 Sin' 'tis not for money, pray lend me yo^r hand, S^r.
 590 And yet this good hand, if you please to stretch it,
 Had the errand beene money, could easilie fetch it.
 You Comaund the *Kings* treasure, and yet o' my soule
 You handle not much, for yo^r palme is not foule.
 Yo^r fortune is good, and will be to sett
 595 The office vpright, and the *Kinge* out of debt ;
 To putt all that haue pensions soone out of their paine,
 By bringing th'*Exchequer* in Creditt againe.

569 that] the *D2* 571 publique weale] Publicke-weale *D2* : Pub-
 lique-weale *F* 575-8 Ile . . . will. *D2, F* : not in *MS*. 575 I'le]
 Ile *D2* (so 577) venture] venter *F* (so 577) 581 you'll] you will
D2, F 582 mutch] much *D2, F* 585 *Tresurers*] *Treasurers fortune*
D2, F 588 Come, S^r.] Come *D2, F* 589 Sin'] Since *D2, F* not
 for] for no *D2, F* 591 errand] Errant *D2, F* 592 o'] on *D2, F*

The Lo : Priuie Seales.

by the

⟨2.⟩ *Gypsie*

600

Honest, and old,
In those the good part of a *fortune* is told.
God send you ⟨your⟩ healthe,
The rest is prouided, *Honor* and *wealthe*,
All w^{ch} you possesse
Without the makinge of any man less.
Nor need you my warrant, inioye it you shall,
For you haue a good *Priuie Seale* for it all. /

605

The Earle Marshalls

by the

610

3. *Gypsie.* /

Next the Greate Master, who is the Donor,
I read you here the Preseruer of Honor,
And spie it in all yo^r singuler parte,
What a father you are, and ⟨a⟩ Nurse of the Arte. 615
By cherishing w^{ch}, a way you haue found,
How they, free to all, to one may be bound,
And they againe loue their bonde; for to be
Obliged to you, is the way to be free.
But this is their fortune; harke to yo^r owne. 620
Yo^{rs} shalbe to make true gentrie knowne
From the fictitious. Not to prise blood
So much by the Greatenes, as by the Good;
To shewe and to open cleare *vertue* the way,
Both whether she should, and how far she may : 625
And whilst you doe iudge 'twixt valour and noise,
To extinguishe the race of the *Roringe Boyes.* /

599 *by the* om. D2, F 600 2. D2, F 603 your D2, F 604
Honor] honour, D2, F (so 613) 607 inioye] enjoy D2, F 610
by the om. D2, F 615 a D2, F 617 they,] the D, F, N 620
owne] ow some copies of F 627 To extinguishe] T'extinguish D2:
To'extinguish F

The Lo : Steward.

by the

630

4. Gipsie.

I finde by this hand,
You haue the Comand
Of the verie best Mans house in the land.

635

Our Captaine, and wee,
Ere long, will see
If you keepe a good Table ;
Yo^r Master's able.

And here be bountifull lines that say
You'll keepe no part of his bountie away.

640

There's written *ffrancke*
On yo^r *Venus* bancke,
To proue a false *Steward* you'll find much ado(e,)
Being a true one by blood, and by office too. /

Dance 2.

645

4 straine.

The Lo. Marquess Hamilton

by the

3. Gipsie.

Onelie yo^r hand, S^r, and yo^r wellcome to Court ;
650 Here is a Man both for earnest, and sport.

You were latelie imployed,
And yo^r Master is ioyed

To haue such in his traine
So well can sustaine

655

His Person abroad,
And not shrincke for the loade.

628 *Steward.*] Stewards, *D2, F* 633 in] i' *D2, F* 640-3 *om.*
Tanner MS. 306 640 There's written] Thus written to *D2, F*
 642 adoe] ado some copies of *F* 644-5 *Dance . . . straine.* *om. D2,*
F 646 *The om. D2, F* *Hamilton]* *Hamiltons D2, F* 649
 S^r, *om. D2, F* yo^r wellcome] welcome *D2, F* 651 imployed]
 imploy'd *D2 :* employ'd *F* ioyed] joy'd *D2, F*

But had you beene here,
You should haue beene a *Gipsie*, I sweare.
Our Captaine had somond you by a *Doxie*,
To whome you would not haue aunsweard by *Proxie*, 660
One, had shee come in the way of yo^r scepter,
'Tis ods, you had laid it by to haue lept her. /

⟨*The earl of Buckclougs, by the Patrico.*

A Hunter you have bin heretofore,
And had game good store ; 665
But ever you went
Upon a new scent,
And shifted your loves
As often as they did their Smocks, or their Gloves.
But since that your brave intendments are 670
Now bent for the Warre,
The world shall see
You can constant bee,
One Mistris to prove,
And court her for your love. 675
Pallas, shall be both your *Sword*, and your *Gage* ;
Truth, bear your *Shield*, and *Fortune* your page.⟩

The Lo : Chamberlaines

by the

Iackman. 680

Though you, Sr, be Chamberlaine, I haue a key
To open yo^r fortune a little by the way :
You are a good Man,
Denie it that can ;
And faithfull you are, 685
Denie it that dare.

663-77 *The Earl of* . . . page. *D2*, *F*: not in *MS.* Text from *D2*
664 bin] beene *F* 667 scent] sent *F* 677 *Fortune*] fortune
D2, *F* 678-97 In *D2*, *F* after l. 559 678 *Chamberlaines*]
Chamberlaine D2, *F*

- You knowe how to vse yo^r sword and yo^r pen,
 And you loue not alone the Arte, but the Men.
 The Graces and Muses euerie where followe
 690 You, as you were theire second *Apollo*.
 Onelie yo^r hand here telle you to yo^r face,
 You haue wanted one grace
 To performe what hath beene a right of yo^r place,
 ffor by this line, w^{ch} is *Mars* his trenche,
 695 You neuer yet help'd yo^r Master to a wenche.
 'Tis well for yo^r honor, hee's pious and chaste,
 Or you had most certainelie beene displac't.

Dance .2.

6. straine,

- 700 *w^{ch} leades into Dance .3.*

Dance .3.

Duringe w^{ch} enter y^e Clownes.

Cockrell. Clod. Towneshead. Puppy.

whilst the Patrico and Iackman

- 705 *sing this song.*

Song.

- Patr.* Why, this is a sport,
 See it Northe, see it Southe,
 For the tast of the Court,
 710 *Iack.* For the Courts owne mouthe.
 Come *windsor* the Towne,
 Wth the *Maior*, and oppose,
 Wee'l put 'em all downe,
Patr. Do-do-downe like my hose.

689 euerie] ev'ry D2, F 693 hath] has O2 beene] bin D (so 697)
 694 Mars his] Mars-his N 696 honor] honour D, F 698-
 700 Dance . . . 3] Not in D1 698-703 In D2, F, N, after l. 732
 Towneshead. Puppy.] Townshed, to them PVPFY. D1, D2 : i.e. Puppy
 enters at l. 757 704-6 Not in D, F 702-5 Duringe . . . song.]
 During which the Patrico and Jackman sing this Song : and towards the
 end of it, Cockrel, Clod, Townshead, Puppy, and other Clowns enter
 behind. G 713 'em] them D, F

The Gypsies Metamorphos'd. 589

- A Gipsie in his shape 715
 More callē the behoulder,
 Then the fellowe wth the Ape,
Iack. Or the Ape on his shoulder.
 He'is a sight that will take
 An old Iudg from his wenche, 720
 I, and keepe him awake,
Patr. Yes, awake o' the benche.
 And has so much worthe,
 Though hee sitt i' the stocke,
 He will drawe the girles forthe, 725
Iack. I, forth i' their smocks.
 Tut, a Mans a Man,
 Lett the Clownes wth their sluttē
 Come mend vs if they can,
Patr. If they can, for their guttē 730
 Come mend vs, Come lend vs, their showts, & their
 noise
Both. Like thunder, and wonder at *Ptolomees* boyes.
Cock. O the Lord! what be these, *Tom?* dost thou
 knowe? Come hether, Come hether, *Dicke*, didst
 thou euer see such? the finest oliue-colour'd sprites, 735
 they haue so dancd and gingled here, as if they had
 beene a sett of ouergrowne ffayeries.
Clod. They should be Morris dancers by their gingle, but
 they haue no Napkins.
Coc: No, nor a Hobby horse. 740
Clod. O, he is often forgotten, that's no rule; but there is
 no Maid-marrian nor ffrier amongst them, w^{ch} is the
 surer marke.
Coc. Nor a foole that I see.
Clod. Vnles they be all fooles. 745

732 *Ptolomees*] *Ptolomies* D, F After 732 D, F have the stage-direction
 of ll. 698-703 733 these, *Tom?*] these *Tom!* D1, 2: these? *Tom* F
 734 hether . . . hether] hither . . . hither D1, D2, F 735 such?
 D2, F: such: *Dr* sprites,] spirits: *Dr*, D2, F 737 beene] bin
Dr, D2 741 he is] he's *Dr*, D2: hees F 742 Maid-marrian
Dr, D2: Maidmarrian MS: *Mayd-marrian* F

- Town.* Well said, *Tom Foole* ; why, thou simple parishe-
Asse thou, didst thou neuer see any *Gipsies* ? These
are a Covie of *Gipsies*, and the brauest newe Couie
that euer Constable flewe at, goodlie game-*Gipsies*,
750 they are *Gipsies* of this yeare, o' this Moone, in my
Conscience.
- Clod.* O, they are Calld the Moone men, I remember now.
- Coc.* One shall hardlie see such gentleman-like *Gipsies*
though, vnder a hedge in a whole soñers day, if
they be *Gipsies*.
- 755 *Town.* Male *Gipsies* all, not a Mort amongst them.
- Pup.* Where ? where ? I could neuer indure the sight of
one of theise *Rogue Gipsies*, w^{ch} bee they ? I would
faine see 'em.
- 760 *Clod.* Yonder they are.
- Pup.* Can they Cant, or Mill ? are they Masters in their
arte ?
- Town.* No : Batchelers theis, they Cannot haue proceeded
so farre, they haue scarce had their time to be
765 lowsie yet.
- Pup.* All the better, I would be acquainted wth them while
they are in cleane life, they will doe their trickē the
cleanelier.
- Coc.* Wee must haue some Musique then, and take out the
770 wenches.
- Pup.* Musique ! wee'll haue a whole pouertie of *Pipers*.
Call *Cheekes* vpon the bagpipe, and *Tom Ticklefoote*
wth his tabour. *Clod*, will you gather the pipe
monie ?

746 said] sed *F* parishe] pish *F* : pish *N* 748 newe Couie]
new-come, *F* : new come *N* 749 goodlie] Goodly ! *D* game-] Game
D : game *F* 750 *Gipsies* of] *Gypsies* o' *D* : *Gipsies* o' *F* 753-4
Gipsies though,] *Gypsies*, though *D* : *Gipsies*, though *F* 758 *Rogue*
Gipsies] *Rogue-Gipsies* *F* 759 'em] 'hem *D* 761 Can . . . Mill ?] They
can Cant, and Mill, *D* 763 No :] No *MS*, *D*, *F* 764 their] the *D*
767 they will] the'ile *F* 769-70 and take out the wenches *not in D*
772 *Cheekes*] cheeks *F*, *N* bagpipe] Bag-pipes *D* 773-80 tabour . . .
mouth on't] Tabor ; he could haue mustred up the smocks o'th two shires ;
and set the Codpieces and they by the eares, I wusse, here's my two-
pence towards it : *D* : Tabor ; see where he comes ! *F* (omitting 773-9.
' *Clod*, . . . proffitt,)

- Clod.* I'll gather it an you will, but I'll giue none. 775
Pup. Why, well said, Clawe a Churle by the arse, and
 hee'll shite in yo^r fist.
Coc. I, or whistle to a lade, and heel pay you wth a fart.
Clod. ffart? It's an ill winde blowes no man to proffitt, see
 where the minstrelle come i' the mouth on't. 780
Coc. I, and all the good wenches of *windsor* after him.
 Yonder's *Prue* o' the parke,
Town. And *ffrancis* o' the Castle,
Pup. And longe *Meg* of *Eaton*,
Clod. And *Christian* o' *Dorney*. 785
Town. See the Miracle of a Minstrell.
Coc. Hee's able to Muster vp the smocke o' the two shires.
Pup. And sett the Codpeices and they by the eares at
 pleasure.
Town. I cannot hold nowe, there's my groate, lette haue a fit 790
 for mirthes sake.
Coc. Yes, and they'll come about vs for lucke sake.
Pup. But looke to o^r pockette and purses, for o^r owne
 sake.
Clod. I. I haue the greatest Chardge if I gather the money. 795
Coc. Come, Girles, here be *Gipsies* Come to towne; if wee
 can, lettē dance them downe.

775 gather it] gather't *D* 777 hee'l] he will *D* 779-92
 ffart? . . . lucke sake.] fart. *Clod.* That's all one, I have a wife,
 and a child in reversion, you know it well enough, & I cannot fat
 Pidgeons with Cherry-stones: Ile venture my penny with you. *Cock.*
 Well, theres'my two-pence; Ile bee jovy: my name's *Cockrell*, and I
 am true bred. *Town.* Come, there's my groat, never stand drawing
 Indentures for the matter; we'll make a Bolt, or a Shaft on't now.
Clod. Let me see, here's nine-pence in the whole. *Pup.* Why there's
 a whole nine-pence for it: put it all in a piece for memory, and strike
 up for mirth sake. *Town.* Doe, and they'le presently come about us for
 lucke sake. *D* 782 Yonder's] yonder is *F* 783 *ffrancis*]
Frances *F* 788 the eares] th' eares *F* After 789 Enter the
 two *Pipers* playing, and followed by *Prudence*, *Frances*, *Cicely*, *Meg*,
Christian, and other Wenches. *G* 791 mirthes] mirth *F* 793
Pup.] Added to Townshead's speech in *D* 795 I . . . money.]
 That's warning for me, I have the greatest charge I am sure. *D* if I
 om. *F* 796-7 Come . . . downe om *D* if wee can, om. *F*

Minstrell.

Contry Dance.

800 *During w^{ch} the Gypsies come about*
 them prying, and after, the
 Patrico.

 Sweet doxies and dells,
 My *Roses* and *Nells*,
 805 Scarce out of the shelle,
 Yo^r hands, nothing elle.
 Wee ringe you no knelle
 Wth o^r *Ptolomees* bells,
 Though wee come from the fells ;
 810 But bring you good spells,
 And tell you some chances,
 In midst of yo^r dances,
 That fortune aduances
 To *Prudence* or *Francis*,
 815 To *Sisley* or *Harry*,
 To *Roger* or *Mary*,
 Or *Peg* of the *Dairie*,
 To *Maudlin* or *Thomas*.
 Then doe not run from vs :
 820 Although wee looke tawnie,
 Wee are healthie and brawnie ;
 What ere yo^r demaund is,
 Wee'll giue you no iaundis. /

825 *Pup.* Say you so, old *Gypsie* ? 'Slid, theise goe to't in
 rime, that is better then *canting* by t'one halfe.

Town. Nay, you shall heare 'em ; peace, they begin wth
 Prudence, marke that.

798-9 *Minstrell . . . Dance.*] *PIPERS.* | *A Country Dance.* D: *The*
Clownes take out their Wenches. | *PRUDENCE, FRANCES, MEGGE, CHRIS-*
TIAN. | *Country Dance.* F: *Here they take out the Wenches, and dance*
Country Dances. G *prying . . . Patrico.*] *prying, and pick their pockets.*
 G 803 doxies] Doxes D 804 Nells] Knells F 805
 Scarce . . . shells om. D 808 *Ptolomees*] *Ptolemy* D: *Ptolomies* F
 810 But] And D 817 *Peg . . . Dairie*] *Meg . . . Dary* D 825
 rime] rymes F that] this D, F 826 'em] them D

- Pup.* The wiser *Gypsies* they, marrie.
Town. Are you aduisd ?
Pup. Yes, and Ile stand to't, that a wise *Gypsie* (take him 830
 at time o' yeare) is as politique a peece of fleshe as
 most Iustices in the Countie where he stalkes.
 3. *Gip:* To loue a keep yo^r fortune will be,
 But the Dowcettę better then him, or his fee.
Town. Ho, *Prue*, has he hit you in the teethe wth the sweet 835
 bitt ?
Pup. Let it alone, shee'l swallowe it well enough. A
 learned *Gypsie* !
Town. You'll heare more hereafter.
Pup. Mary, and I'll listen : who standę next ? *Iack* 840
Cockrell.
 2. *Gip.* You'll steale yo^r selfe drunke, I finde here true :
 As you rob the pot, the pot will rob you.
Pup. A Prophet, a prophet ! no *Gipsie* ! or if he <must>
 be a *Gypsie*, a diuine *Gypsie* ! 845
Town. Marke *ffrancis* now : shee's going to't, y^e virginittie
 o' the parishe.
Patr. feare not, in hell you'll neuer lead apes,
 A mortified Mayden of five scapes.
Pup. By'r ladie, he touch'd the virgin stringe there a little 850
 too hard. They are arrant learnd men all, I see.
 What say they vpon *Tom Clod* ? list.
 4 *Gip.* *Clods* feet will in *Christmas* goe neare to be bare,
 When he has lost all his hobnailes at post & at
 paire.
Pup. H'as hit the right naile o' the head, his owne game. 855

828 they] the *F, N* 831 at time o'] i' th time o' th' *D* poli-
 tique] pollicke *F, N* 832 stalkes] maunds *D* 834 then] than
D 835 Ho] Ha *D, F* in the] it'h *F* the sweet] a sweet *F*
 837 Let it] Let her *F* swallowe it] swallow *F* 840 who standę]
 who's *D* 842-3 2. *Gip.* You'll . . . you.] Youle ha' good lucke to horse-
 flesh o' my life, | You plow'd so late with the Vicars wife. *F* (so *N*)
 finde] find it *D* 844 must *D* 846 *ffrancis* now : *D* : *Frances*, now *F*
 847 o'] of *D* 849 scapes] escapes *D* 852 *Tom* . . . list.] *Tom, Clod,*
List. F 853 4 *Gip*] 1 *GIP. F* will in *Christmas*] in *Christmas*
 will *D* 854 hobnailes] honayles *F* originally & at] and *D, F*
 855 right naile] Hobnaile *D* o' the] o'th *F*

- Town.* And the very mettle he deales in at play, if you marke it.
- Pup.* Peace, who's this? *Long Meg*?
- Tow.* Long and foule *Meg*, if shee be a *Meg*, as euer I sawe
860 of her inches: praye God they fitt her wth a faire fortune, shee hangs an arse terriblie.
- Patr.* Shee'l haue a Taylor take measure of her britch,
And ever after be troubled wth a stiche.
- Town.* That's as homelie as shee.
- 865 *Pup.* The better, a turd's as good for a sowe as a pancake.
- Town.* Harke, nowe they treate vpon *Ticklefoote*.
4. *Gip.* On sundayes you rob the poores box wth yo^r
tabo(r.)
The Collecto^{rs} would doe it, you saue 'em a
l(abor.)
- Pup.* ffaith, but little, they doe it *non vpstante*.
- 870 *Tow.* Here's my little *Christian* forgott. Ha' you any fortune lefte for her, a straite-lac't *Christian* of sixteene?
- Patr.* *Christian* shall get her a loose-bodied gowne,
In tryeing how a gentleman differs from a
Clowne.
- 875 *Pup.* Is that a fortune for a *Christian*? A Turke wth a *Gypsie* could not haue told her a worse.
- Tow.* Come, I'll stand my selfe, and once venter the poore head o' the Towne. Doe yo^r worst, my name's *Towneshead*, and here's my hand I'll not be angrie.
- 880 3. *Gip.* A Cuckould you must be, and that for three
l(ies,)
Yo^r owne, the *Parsons*, and yo^r wives.

856 mettle] mettall F 861-5 shee . . . pancake. om. F 866
Harke . . . *Ticklefoot*.] *Pu.* They slip her, and treat upon *Tickle-foot*. F
(so N) 867 4. *Gip.*] 1 *Gip.* F 868 'em] them D, F 869
little] a little F non *vpstante*] notwithstanding D: non *upstant* F: non
vpstant N 870 *Tow.* om. D, giving the speech to Puppy
Christian forgott.] *Christian*, forget, F 874 tryeing] tri'mge,
F, N 875-6 Turke wth a *Gypsie*] Turke Gypsie D: *Turke*, or a
Gipsie F 876 a om. D 877 venter] venture D 880 3. *Gip.*] 2
GYPSIE. D

- Tow.* I sweare I'le neuer marry for that, and be but to giue
fortune my foe the lie. Come, *Paul Puppy*, you
must in too.
- Pup.* No, I am well enough, I would ha' no good fortune 885
an' I might.
- Patr.* Yet looke to yo^r selfe, you'll ha' some ill lucke,
And shortly, for I haue his purse wth a plucke.
- Away birdē, Mum !
I heare by the hum, 890
If *Beck(h)arman* come,
Hce'l strike vs all dumbe
Wth a noise like a drum.
Let's giue him o^r roome :
Here this way some, 895
And that way others,
Wee are not all Brothers.
Leaue me to the cheates,
I'le shewe 'em some feates.
- Pup.* What ? are they gone ? flowne all of a sudaine ? 900
This is fine i' faithe ! A Covie, call ye 'em ? They
are a Covie soone scattered, me thinckē. Who sprung
'em, I marle ?
- Tow.* Mary, yo^r selfe, *Puppie*, for ought I knowe, you
quested last. 905
- Clod* Would he had quested firste for mee, and sprung 'em
an hower a goe.
- Tow.* Why, what'ē the matter, man ?
- Clod.* Slid, they ha' sprung my purse, and all I had about
me. 910
- Tow.* They ha' not, ha' they ?

882 and] an't *D, F* 883 *Come, Paul*] *Com Pan F, N* 887 *Patr.*]
4 *GYPsIE. D* 888 wth] at *F* 889 *Aside to the Patrico.* add *G*
891 *Beck-Harman D* : *Beck-harman F* 899 'em] 'hem *D* *The*
Gipsies run off different ways. add *G* 901 ye 'em] yee 'hem *D* :
y'em *F* 902 thinckē] thinke *F* 903 'em] 'hem *D* marle]
mar'le *D* 906 firste for mee] first *D, F* 'em] 'hem *D* : y'em *F*
907 hower] houre *D* : 'owre *F* agoe] agoe for me. *D* : agoe, for mee.
F 908 man *om. D* 909 ha' *om. D*

- Clod.* As I am true *Clod*, ha' they, and ransacked me of euerie penie. Outcept I were wth child of an Owle (as they say) I neuer sawe such luck. It is enough to make a
 915 man a whore.
- Pup.* Hold thy peace, thou talkst as if thou hadst a licence to loose thy purse alone in this Companie. S'lid, here be them can loose a purse in honor of the *Gypsies* as well as thou for thy hart, and neuer make word of it.
 920 I ha' lost my purse too.
- Coc.* What was there i' thy purse, thou keepest such a whimpering? was the lease of thy house in it?
- Pup.* Or thy *Grannams* siluer ringe?
- Clod.* No, but a Mill sixpence (of my Mothers) I lou'd as
 925 dearlie, and two pence I had to spend ouer and aboue, beside the harper that was gatherd amongst vs, to pay the *piper*.
- Tow.* Our whole stocke, is that gone? how will Tom Ticklefoot doe to wet his whistle then?
- 930 *Pup.* Mary, a newe Collection, there's no Musique els, he can ill pipe that wants his vpper lip.
- Pru.* They haue robd me too of a race of ginger, and a Lett ringe I had to drawe *Iacke Strawe* hether a holidayes.
- Tow.* Is't possible? fine-fingerd *Gypsies* i'faith.
- 935 *Meg.* And I haue lost an enchanted Nutmeg, all guilded ouer, enchanted at *Oxford*, I had to putt i'my sweet

912 *Clod*] *Tom Clod* D 913 Outcept] out cept MS of] with
 F 914 It is] Its D: it's F 917, 918 loose] lose D, F 918
 them] those D, F honor] honour D, F 920 too.] too, and
 more in it that [read than] Ile speak of, but e're I'de crye for't as thou
 dost—Much goode doe 'hem with all my heart. I doe reverence 'hem
 for't. D 921 thou keepest such a whimpering om. D 922
 whimpering] whining F 924 of my Mothers D: om. MS,
 F 925 two] a 2 F 926 beside] besides; F 929
 wet] whet D 930 els, he] else: Masters he D: else masters,
 hee F 931 lip.] lip. *Town.* Yes, a Bag-piper may want both.
 D: lippe; Money. F 932 *Pru.* They haue robd me] *Cock.* Why
 they haue rob'd *Prudence* D race] dainty race F 933 I had]
 she had D hether] hither D 934 Is't] I'st MS 935 *Meg.*
 And I haue lost] *Cock.* And *Maudlin* has lost D 936 enchanted
 at *Oxford*, om. D: was enchanted at *Oxford* for mee F I had] she
 had D: om. F i' my] in her D

- hartē ale a mornings, wth a rowe of white pinnes, that
 pricke me to the very hart, the loss of 'em.
- Clod.* And I ha' lost (beside my purse) my best bride lace
 I had at *Ione Turnups* wedding, and a halp'orth of ⁹⁴⁰
 hobnails, and *Francis Adlebreecch* has lost somewhat
 too.
- Fra:* I. I ha' lost my thimble, and a skeine of Couentrie
 blewe I had to worke *Gregorie Lichfeild* a handker-
 chiefe. 945
- Chr.* And I, vnhappy *Christian* as I am, haue lost my
 Practise of Pietie, wth a bowed groate and the ballett
 of *whoop Barnabe*, w^{ch} greiues me ten times worse.
- Clod.* And *Ticlefoot* ha's lost his Clowt, he sayes, wth a three-
 pence and fower tokens in it, besides his tabouring ⁹⁵⁰
 sticke, euen now.
- Coc.* And I my knife and sheathe, and my fine Doggs-
 leather gloues.
- Tow.* Haue we lost neu'r a dog amongst vs ? where's *Puppy* ?
- Pup.* Here, goodman *Towneshead*, you ha' nothing to loose, ⁹⁵⁵
 it seemes, but the townes braines you are trusted wth.
- ⟨*P*⟩*atr.* O my deare marrowes,
 No shooting of arrowes
 Or shaftē of yo^r witt
 Each other to hit
 In yo^r skirmishing fit ; 960

937 white pinnes] pins *D* : white-pins *F* 937-8 that pricke me]
 which pricks the poor soule *D* 938 very om. *D* 'em] 'hem *D* :
 them *F* 939 ha'] have *D, F* beside] besides *F* 940 I had . . .
 wedding om. *D* *Turnups*] *Turners F* halp'orth] halpworth *D* :
 halpeworth *F* 941 hobnails, and] hobnayles : *F* 941-5
 and *Francis* . . . handkercheife.] and *Francis* her thimble, with a skeane
 of Coventry blew she had to work *Will* : *Lutchfields* Handkerchiffe. *D*
 942 too] too, besides her Mayden-head. *F* 946-7 *Chr.* . . . pietie,]
Cock. And *Christian* her Practice of Piety, *D* 947 Practise of Pietie]
 practise of pietie *MS.* ballett] Ballad *D* 948 *Barnabe*] *Barnabee*
D : *Barnbie F* me . . . worse] her worst of all *D* 950 in it] in't
F besides] beside *D* 951 euen] ev'n *F* 952 my fine] a
 pair of *D* 954 Haue] H'a *F* lost] left *D* neu'r] ne're *D* :
 never *F* *Puppy* ?] *Puppy* gone ? *D* 955 ha'] have *F* loose]
 lose *D, F* 956 you are] you're *D* 957 *Patr.* om. *F* 960 other]
 oth'r *D*

- Yo^r store is but small,
 Then venter not all :
 Remember eache mock
 965 Doth spend o' the stock,
 And what was <here> done,
 Being vnder the Moone,
 And at afternoone,
 Will proue right soone
 970 *Deceptio visus*,
 Done *gratia risus*.
 There's no such thing
 As the loss of a ring,
 Or, what you Count wurse,
 975 The misse of a purse.
 But hey for the maine,
 And pass of the straine,
 Here's both come againe !
 And there's an ould Twinger
 980 Can shewe <you> the ginger,
 The pinnes and the Nutt meg
 Are safe here wth slutt *Megg* :
 Then strike vp yo^r tabour,
 And there's for yo^r labour.
 985 The sheathe and the knife,
 I'le venter my life,
 Shall breed you no strife,
 But like man & wife,
 Or sister and brother,
 990 Keepe one wth another,
 And light as a feather
 Make haste to come hether.
 The Coventry blue
 Hangs there vpon *Prue*,

963 venter] venture D 966 here D: here F 970 *Deceptio*
Disceptio F, N 974 you] yee D 976 But,] But, D 977
 of] o' D 980 you D: yee F 985-6 One line in F (so 989-90) 986
 venter] venture D 992 hether] *hiither* F

And here's one opens 995
 The Clowte and the tokens ;
 Deny the bowd groate,
 And you lie in yo^r throate ;
 Or the Tabourers nine pence,
 Or the sixe fine pence. 1000
 As for the ballett,
 Or booke, what you call it,
 Alas, o^r societie
 Mell's not wth pietie ;
 Himselfe hath forsooke it, 1005
 That first vndertooke it.
 For thimble, or bride lace,
 Searche yonder side-lasse.
 All's to be found
 If you looke yo^r selues round : 1010
 We scorne to take from ye,
 We had rather spend on ye.
 If any man wrong ye,
 The theife's among ye. /

Town. Excellent, i'faith, a most restorative *Gypsie* ! All'e 1015
 here againe, and yet by his learninge of *legeirde-*
maine he would make vs beleieve we had robd o^r
 selves, for the hob nailes are come to me.

Coc. May be he knewe whose shooes lackt clowting.

Pup. I, he knowes more then that, or I'le neuer trust my 1020
 Iudgm^t in a *Gipsie* agen.

Coc. A Gipsie of qualitie, beleieve it, and one of the *Kings*
Gypsies this, a Drinckalian or a Drincke bragatan,
 aske him. The Kinge has a noise of *Gypsies* aswell as
Bearewards. 1025

995 here's] here D 998 in] i' F 1002 booke] the booke F
 you] ye D 1014 theife's] thief is G 1017-21 for the hob
 nailes . . . agen. om. F 1020 neuer] ne're D 1022 and
 om. D 1024 aske him. Printed as a separate line in F (so
 'the Devills arse' in ll. 1035-6) has a] hath a D : has
 his F as] as of D, F 1025 *Bearewards*.] of *Bearwards*, and other
 Minstrells. F

Pup. What sort or order of *Gypsie*, I pray, S^r, a flagon-
fleakean?

Pat. A diuelle-ars-a-peakian,
Borne firste at *Niglington*,
1030 Bred vp at *ffilchington*,
Boorded at *Tappington*,
Bedded at *Wappington*.

Tow. ffore me, a dainetie deriued *Gypsie*!

Pup. But, I pray, S^r, if a man might aske you, how Came
1035 yo^r Capitaines place firste to be Called the *Devills*
arse?

Pat. ffor that take my word,
Wee haue a Record
That doth <it> afford
1040 And sayes o^r first lord,
Cock-Lorell he hight,
On a time did invite
The Devill to a feast.
The taile of the iest
1045 (Though since it be longe)
Liues yet in a songe.
W^{ch} if you would heare,
Shall plainelie appeare
Like a chime in yo^r eare.
1050 Ile call in my Clarcke,
Shall sing't like a Larke.

Coc. O. I. The song, the song in any Case: if you want
Musique, wee'll lend him o^r mīstrell.

Pat. Come in, my longe sharke,
1055 Wth thy face browne and darke,

1026 *Gypsie*] *Gipsies* D: *Gipsies* F 1026-7 S^r, a flagon-
fleakian ?] Sir ? | *PATRICO*. [A Flagonfeakian, D: sir. | <PAT.>
A Flagon-fekian, F (so N) 1028 diuells-] *Devils*- F 1029
Niglington] *Ninglington* D 1034 if] If MS. you] on you D, F
1039 it D, F 1041 hight D, F: height MS. 1049 like
... eare. om. D, F 1051 sing't] sing D, F 1052-3 O ...
minstrell. om. D, F 1054 *Pat.* om. D, F

The Gypsies Metamorphos'd. 601

Wth thy trickē and thy toyes,
 Make a merrie merrie noyes
 To theise mad Cuntries boyes,
 And chaunt out the farce
 Of the grand devillē arse. 1060

Song.

Cock-Lorell would needes haue the *Diuell* his guest,
 And bad him into the Peake to dinner,
 Where neuer the ffeind had such a feast
 Prouided him yet at the charge of a sinner. 1065

His stomacke was queasie (he came thither coach't)
 The iogging had made some Crudities rise :
 To helpe it, he calld for a *Puritan* poach't,
 That vsed to turne vp the eggs of his eyes.

And so recouered to his wishe, 1070
 He sate him downe, and he fell to eate ;
Promoter in plum broth was his firste dishe,
 His owne priuie kitchen had no such meate.

Yet (though wth this he much were taken)
 Vppon a suddaine he shifted his trencher, 1075
 As soone as he spies the *Baud* and *Bacon*,
 By w^{ch} you may note the *Deuill's* a wench.

Sixe picled Taylors sliced and Cutt,
 Sempsters, tirewomen fitt for his pallett,
 Wth fethermen and Perfumers putt 1080
 Some twelue in a Charger, to make a *Grand sall* <et.>

1058 theise] those D, F 1059-60 One line in D, F 1059
 farce] fart D, F 1063 into] once into D, F 1066 he came
 thither] for comming there D, F 1067 made] caus'd D, F 1070
 recouered to] recover'd unto D, F 1072 Promoter] Promooter
 D, F his] the D, F 1076 spies] spy'd D: spi'd F 1078
 sliced D, F: slic'd MS. 1079 tirewomen] Tyrcwomen F originally
 1080 Perfumers] perfumes F originally

- A riche fatt vsurer stewed in his marrowe,
 And by him a Lawyers head and greene sawce,
 Both w^{ch} his bellie tooke in like a barrowe,
 1085 As if till then he neuer had seene sauce.
- Then carbonado'd, and Cookt wth paines,
 Was brought vp a Clouen serieant^e face ;
 The sawce was made of his ycomans braines,
 That had beene beaten out wth his owne mace.
- 1090 Two rosted Sheriffes came whole to the bord
 (The feast had nothing beene without 'em)
 Both liuing and dead they were foxt and furd,
 Theire Chaines like sausages hung about 'em.
- The next dishe was the Maior of a Towne,
 1095 Wth a pudding of maintainance thrust in his belli(e,)
 Like a goose in the feathers, drest in his gowne,
 And his Couple of hinch-boyes boyld to a iellie.
- A London Cuckold, hot from the spitt,
 And when the Caruer vp had broake him,
 1100 The Devill Chopt vp his head at a bit,
 But the hornes were very neare like to choake him.
- The Chine of a Letcher too there was rosted,
 Wth a plumpe harlotte hanche and garlicke,
 A Pandars pettitoes, that had boasted
 1105 Himselfe for a Captaine, yet neuer was warlicke.
- A large fat pastie of midwife hot,
 And for a could bakt meate into the storie
 A reuerend painted ladie was brought,
 Was coffind in crust, till now she was hoary.
- 1083 greene sawce] *Green-sawce* D: *green-sawce* F 1085 neuer
 had] *had* never D, F 1088 yeomans] *Yeamans* F 1091
 beene] bin D 'em] 'hem D (so 1093) 1094 next] *very next* D, F
 the] a D 1101 choake] *have choake* D: *have choakt* F 1106
 A midwife] a *Mid-wife* D, F 1107 could] *cold* D, F 1109
 Was] *And* D, F

To theise an ouergrowne Iustice of *Peace*, 1110
 Wth a Clarcke like a gizard truss'd vnder each arme,
 And warrant^e for sippette laid in his owne greace,
 Sett ouer a Chafingdishe to be kept warme.

The Ioule of a Iaylor seru'd for fishe,
 A Constable sould wth vineger by, 1115
 Two Aldermen Lobsters a sleepe in a dishe,
 A deputie Tart, a Churchwarden Pye.

All w^{ch} deuour'd, he then, for a Close,
 Did for a full draught of *Darby* Call,
 He heau'd the huge vessell vp to his nose, 1120
 And lefte not till he had druncke vp all.

Then from the Table he gaue a start,
 Where banquet and wine were nothing scarce,
 All w^{ch} he blewe away with a fart,
 From whence it was call'd the *Devills arse*. 1125

⟨And there he made such a breach with the wind,
 The hole too standing open the while,
 That the scent of the vapour, before, & behinde,
 Hath foully perfum'd most part of the Isle.

And this was Tobacco, the learned suppose ; 1130
 Which since in Countrey, Court, and Towne,
 In the Devils Glister-pipe smoakes at the nose
 Of Polcat, and Madam, of Gallant, and Clown.

From which wicked weed, with Swines-flesh, and Ling,
 Or any thing else that's feast for the Fiend : 1135
 Our Captaine and wee, cry God saue the King,
 And send him good meate, and mirth without end.⟩

Pup. An excellent song, and a sweet songster, & would ha'
 done rarelie in a Cage wth a dish of water and hemp-
 seed, a fine brest of his owne ! S^r, you are a Prelate 1140

1111 truss'd] *thrust* D, F 1113 ouer] *o've* D, F 1124 blewe]
flirted D, F After 1125 *Added in D, F in italics (text from D)*
 1138 ha'] have D, F : ha' *interlined in MS*

- of the order, I vnderstood, and I haue a terrible
 grudging now vpon mee to be one of yo^r Companie :
 will yo^r Captaine take a prentice, S^r? I would binde
 my selfe to him bodie & soule, either for one and
 1145 *Clod.* I, and put in my life for one, for I am come about too.
 I am sorrie I had no more money in my purse when
 you came first vpon me, S^r; if I had knowne you
 would haue pickt my pockett so like a gentleman, I
 1150 would ha' bin better prouided. I shalbe glad to venter
 a purse wth yo^r worship at any time you'll appoint, so
 you would prefer me to yo^r *Captaine*; I'll put in
 securitie for my truthe, and serue out my time,
 though I die to morrowe.
- 1155 *Cock.* I, vppon those tearmes, S^r, and in hope yo^r Captaine
 keepest better Chere then he made the *Deuill* (for my
 stomack will neuer agree wth that diett) wee'll be all
 his followers. I'll goe home and fetch a little monye,
 S^r, all I haue, and you shall picke my pockett to my
 1160 face, and I'll avouch it. A man would not desire to
 haue his purse pickt in better Companie.
- Pup.* Tutt, they haue other manner of guiftes then telling
 of fortunes, or picking of pockette.
- Coc.* I, an if they please to shewe them, or thought vs
 1165 poore Contrie folkes worthy of them.
- Pup.* What might a man doe to be a gentleman of yo^r com-
 panie, S^r?
- Coc.* I, a *Gipsie* in ordinarie, or nothing.
- Pat.* ffreinde, not to refell ye,
 1170 Or any way quell ye,

1141 vnderstood] understand *D, F* 1142 now *om. D* 1147
 in] i' *D, F* 1148 me] us *D, F* 1150 ha' bin] have beene *D, F*
 venter] venture *D* 1151 at *om. D* 1156 then] than *D (so 1162)*
 the] for the *D* 1157 neuer] ne're *D: nere F* 1161 purse] pocket
D, F 1162 guiftes] gifts *D, F* 1162-3 telling . . . pockett[
 telling Fortunes, or picking pockets *D: picking of pockets, or telling*
 fortunes *F* 1164 *Coc. om. F* I, an] I, and *D: if F* please]
 would bee pleased *D: would but please F* them] 'hem *D: 'em F*
 1165 Contrie folkes] mortall country folkes *D: Countrey mortalls F*
 1166 *Pup. om. F* 1168 *Coc. om. F, N* ordinarie] ord'nary *F*

To buy or to sell ye,
 I onelie must tell ye
 Yee aime at a misterie
 Worthy a historie.
 There's much to be done, 1175
 Ere you can be a sonne
 Or a brother o' the Moone.
 'Tis not so soone
 Acquird, as desird.
 You must be *ben-bowsy*, 1180
 And sleepe and drowsie,
 And lazie and lowzie,
 Before ye can rowse ye
 In shape that avowes ye.
 And then ye may stalke 1185
 The *Gypsies* walke
 To the Coopes and the Pens,
 And bring in the hens,
 Though the Cock be sullen
 For loss o' the pullen : 1190
 Take Turkey and Capon,
 And gammons of bacon,
 Let nought be forsaken.
 Wee'll let you go loose,
 Like a foxe to a goose, 1195
 And shewe you the stie
 Where the little piggs lie,
 Whence if you can take
 One or two, and not wake
 The sowe in her dreames, 1200
 But by the Moone beames
 Soe warilie hie
 As neither doe crie,
 You shall the next day
 Haue a licence to play 120

1177 a om. D, F
 avowes] arowse F
 1191 and] or F

1180 *ben-bowsy*] beane-bowzy D
 1189 be] be left D
 1199 One or] One, D

1184
 1190 o'] of D, F

- At the hedg a flirt
 For a sheet or a shirt.
 If yo^r hand be light,
 I'll shewe ye the slight
 1210 Of o^r *Ptolomæes* knott :
 It is, and 'tis not.
 To change yo^r Complexion
 Wth the noble Confection
 Of wallnuttē and hoggs greace,
 1215 Better then dogs greace ;
 And to milcke the kine,
 Ere the milcke mayd fine
 Haue opend her eyne ;
 Or if you desire
 1220 To spitt or fart fire,
 I'll teache you the knackē
 Of eating of flaxe,
 And out of yo^r noses
 Drawe ribons for poses.
 1225 As for example,
 Mine owne is as ample
 And fruitfull a nose
 As a witt can suppose ;
 Yet it shall goe hard,
 1230 But there wilbe spard
 Eache of you a yard,
 And worthe yo^r regard,
 When the culler and sise
 Ariue at yo^r eies.
 1235 And if you incline
 To a Cup of good wine,
 When you sup or dine ;

1210 *Ptolomæes*] *Ptolomies* D, F 1214 hoggs greace] Hogges-
 grease D: *Hogs-grease* F 1215 dogs greace] *Dogs-greace* F 1216
 to om. D 1218 Haue] Hath F 1223 yo^r] their F 1224
 ribons for] Ribbands, and F 1228 a witt] wit D 1233
 the] they F, N culler] colour D: collour F 1235 incline] en-
 cline F

If you chance it to lacke,
 Be it Claret or sacke,
 I'le make this snoute 1240
 To deale it about,
 Or this to run out
 As 'twere from a spout. /

Town. Admirable tricks, and he do's 'hem all *se defendendo*,
 as if he would not be taken in the trap of authoritie 1245
 by a fraile fleshlie Constable.

Pup. Without the ayd of a Cheese.

Clod. Or help of a flitch of bacon.

Coc. Oh, he would Chirpe in a paire of stocke sumptuous-
 lie; I'd giue any thing to see him play loose wth 1250
 his hande, when his feet are fast.

Pup. O' my Conscience he feares not that, and the Mar-
 shall himselfe were here: I protest I admire him.

Pat. Is this worthe yo^r wonder?
 Nay, then you shall vnder- 1255
 stand more of my skill.
 I can (for I will)
 Here, at *Burly* o' th' hill,
 Giue you all yo^r fill,
 Eache *Iack* wth his *Gill*, 1260
 And shewe ye the *King*,
 The *Prince* too, and bring
 The *Gipsies* were here,
 Like Lorde to appeare,
 Wth such theire Attenders 1265
 As you thought offenders,
 Who nowe become newe
 men,
 You'll knowe 'em for true
 men.

1243 'twere] it were *D, F* 1244 'hem] 'em *F* *defendendo*
defedendo *F* originally 1246 fleshlie] fleshy *D* 1251 are] were *F*
 1252 and] an *D* 1261 ye] you *D, F* 1265 Wth] And *D* theire]
 there *F, N* 1268 'em] 'hem *D*: them *F*

1270 *At Beuer.* /

The fiftē of August
Will not let sawdust
Lie in yo^r throates,
Or Cobwebs or oates,
But help to scour ye.

1275 This is no Gowrie

Hath drawne Iames hether,
But the good man of Beuer,
Our Buckinghams father.
Then so much the rather

1280 Make it a iolly night,
For 'tis a holie night,

&c. /

1285

ffor he wee Call Chiefe
(I'le tell't you in breife)
Is so far from a theife,
As he giues ye releife
Wth his bread, beare, and
beife.

And 'tis not long sine
Yee drancke of his wine,
And it made ye fine,
Both Claret and sherie;
Then let vs be merrie.
And helpe wth yo^r Call
For a hall, a hall !
Stand vp to the wall,
Both goodmen and tall,
Wee are one mans all.
Make it a iolly night,
If not a holie night,
Spight o' the Constable,
Or deane of Dunstable. /

All. A hall, a hall, a hall ! /

The Gypsyes chang'd.

1290

Dance. /

Patrico.

Why, now ye behould,
'Twas truth that I tould,
And no deuce :
They'r changd in a trice,

1295

1270 tell't] tell *D* you] ye *F* 1272 As *om.* *D* 1273 bread,
beare, and] Beere and his *D* 1274 Sine] syne *Dr* : since *F*, *N*
1276 ye] you *Dr*, *D2*, *F* 1270 foll. (margin) *At Beuer.* In the text of
D, *F* with 'BEVER' as speech-heading after l. 1283 1271 (margin) fiftē]
fist *F* 1276 (margin) Hath] Has *D*, *F* hether] hither *D* : hither *F*
1281 (margin) 'tis] t'is *MS* : tis *D2* 1282 goodmen] good-men *Dr*
1285 If not *MS*, *Dr* holie] Holly *Dr* 1286 o'] of *D*, *F* 1287
deane] May-Deane *Dr* : Mas Deane *D2*, *F* 1288 *All.*] omnes *Dr*
1289 Enter the Gipsies Metamorphosed, i.e. dressed in rich Habits, and
Dance. *G* 1291-1389 Not in *Dr* 1292 behould] behold *Dr*, *F*
1293 tould] told *D*, *F* 1295 They'r] They are *D*, *F*

And so will I
 Be my selfe by and by,
 I onelie nowe
 Must studie howe
 To come of wth a grace 1300
 By my *Patricos* place :
 Some short kinde of blessing
 It selfe adresssing
 Vnto my good Master,
 W^{ch} light on him faster 1305
 Then wishes can flie,
 And you that stand by
 Be as iocound as I ;
 Eache man wth his voice
 Giue his heart to reioyce, 1310
 W^{ch} I'le requite,
 If my art hit right.
 Though late now at night,
 Eache Clowne here in sight,
 Before day light, 1315
 Shall proue a good knight ;
 And yo^r lasses, pages
 Worthy theire wages,
 Where fancie engages
 Girles to theire ages. / 1320

Clo. O, any thing for the *Patrico*, what is't? what is't?

Patr. Nothing but beare the bob of the close,

It will be no burthen, you well may suppose,
 But bless the *Soverai[n]gne*, and *his sences*.

And <so> to wishe away offences. 1325

Clo. Let vs alone, *Bless y^e soueraigne*, and *his sences*.

Pat. Wee'l take 'em in order as they haue being,

And first of *seeinge*.

1300 of] off *D*, *F*

1312 art] heart *D*

1325 so *Editor*

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1301 By] With *D*, *F*

1324, 1326 *Soueraigne*] *Sov'raigne D*: *Sov'raigne F*

1327 'em] them *D*, *F*

- 1330 ffrom a *Gypsie* in the morninge,
 Or a paire of squint-eies torninge,
 ffrom the *Goblin* and the spectre,
 Or a drunckard, though wth nectar,
 ffrom a woman true to no man,
 And is vglie, beside coñon,
 1335 A smock rampant, and that itches
 To be putting on the britches ;
 Wheresoere they haue theire beeing,
 Blesse the soueraigne, and his *seeinge*.
- 1340 ffrom a foole and serious toyes,
 From a Lawier three partē noise,
 From impertinence, like a drum
 Beat at dinner in his roome,
 From a toung without a file,
 Heapes of phrases, and no stile,
 1345 From a fidle out of tune,
 As the *Cuckow* is in Iune,
 From the Candlestickē of *Lothbury*,
 And the loud pure wiues of *Banbury*,
 (Or a long pretended fit,
 1350 Meant for mirth, but is not it,)
 Onelie time and eares out-wearinge :
 Blesse the soueraigne, and his *Hearing*.
- 1355 ffrom a strowling *Tinckers* sheete,
 And a paire of *Carriers* feete,
 From a Ladie that doth breathe
 Worse aboue then vnderneathe,
 From the diet, and the knowledg
 Of the students in *Beares-Colledg*,

1329-85 Stanzas numbered 1 to 6 in D, 1 to 5 in F (l. 1372) 1330
 torninge,] turning D, F 1334 And] Which D, F vglie] ougly F²
 1335 that] the D, F 1337 haue] ha' D, F 1338 G prefixes 'Cho.'
 to the refrain of all the stanzas soueraigne] Sov'raigne D: Sov'raine F
 (so 1352): in 1363, 1371, 1381, F has 'Sov'raigne'. 1349-50 Not in
 MS. 1350 it,] it: D, F 1354 And] Or D, F 1356 then F:
 them MS: than D

From *Tobacco*, wth the type
 Of the *Divells* glister pipe, 1360
 Or a stincke all stincks excelling,
 A ffishemongers dwelling :
 Blesse the soveraigne, and his *Smelling*.
 from an oyster and fryd fishe,
 A sowes babie in a dishe, 1365
 Anie porçon of a swine,
 From bad venison, and worse wine,
 Ling, what Cooke soe're it boyle,
 Though wth musterd sauc'd an<d> oyle,
 Or what else would keepe man fasting, 1370
 Bless the soueraigne, and his *Tasting*.
 Both from birdlime, and from pitche,
 From a doxie and her itche,
 From the bristles of a hog,
 Or the ring-worme in a dog, 1375
 From the Courtship of a brier,
 From *S^t Anthonies* old fire,
 From a needle or a thorne
 I' the bed at euen or morne,
 Or from any Goutę least grutching, 1380
 Bless the soueraigne, and his *Touching*./
 Bless him too from all offences
 In his sportę, as in his sences,
 From a boy to crosse his way,
 From a fall, or a foule day. / 1385
 Bless him, ô blesse him, heau'n, and lend him long
 To be the sacred burthen of all song,
 The Actę and yeares of all o^r *Kings* to outgoe,
 And, while hee'is mortal, wee not thinck him so. /

1362 A . . . dwelling] A fishmonger, & his dwelling *Dobell MS*: From
 a fishmonger's stale dwelling *G* 1366 Anie] From any *D, F*
 1368 soe're *D*: so ere *MS*: so'ere *F* 1369 and *D, F* 1375
 in *D, F*: of *MS*. 1376 From] Or *D, F* 1379 I' the *F*: i'th the
MS: Ithe *D* euen] Ev'n, *D, F*: e'en *G* 1388 to outgoe] t'out-go
D: t' out go *F*: *Jonson probably wrote* 'to'outgoe'

1390

*After w^{ch}, ascending vp, the**Iackman**sings.**Song .I.*

1395

The sporte are done, yet do not let

Yo^r ioyes in sodaine silence set ;

Delight and dumbnes neuer met

In one selfe subiect yet.

If things opposd must mixt appeare,

Then ad a boldness to yo^r feare,

1400

And speake a hymne

To him,

Where all yo^r duties doe of right belong :W^{ch} I will sweeten wth an vndersong. /*Captaine. /*

1405

Glorie of o^{ra}, and Grace of all the earthe,How well yo^r figure dothe become yo^r bir<the,>

As in you forme and fortune equall stood,

And onelie *vertue* gott aboute yo^r blood.*Song. 2.*

1410

Vertue ! his kinglie vertue, w^{ch} did merrit

This Ile intier, and you are to inherit.

4. Gypsie.

How right he doth Confesse him in his face,

His browe, his eie, and euerie marke of state,

1415

As if he were the yssue of eache *Grace*,

And bore about him both his fame and fate. /

1395 sodaine] suddaine D1: suddaine D2: sudden F 1400-1
 One line in D2, F 1407 in you] in your D1: if your D2, F
 1410 Vertue! MS, D1: Vertue; D2: Vertue; F 1411 intier,] Intire!
 D1: entire, D2: entire, F 1414 euerie] ev'ry D, F (so 1429, 1440)

Song. 3.

Looke, looke, is he not faire,
 And freshe, and fragrant too,
 As sumers skie or purged aire, 1420
 And lookes as lillies doe,
 That were this morning blowne ?

4. Gypsie.

O more ! that more of him were knowne !

3. Gypsie. 1425

Looke how the windes, vpon the waues growne tame,
 Take vp land sounde vpon their purple wings,
 And, catching eache from other, beare the same
 To euerie angle of their sacred springs.
 So will we take his praise, and hurle his name 1430
 About the Globe in thousand ayerie rings,
 If his greate vertue be in Loue wth *fame*,
 For, that Contemn'd, both are neglected thi⟨ngs.⟩

Song. 4.

Good Princes sore about their *fame*, 1435
 And, in their worthe,
 Come greater forthe
 Then in their name.
 Such, such the ffather is,
 Whome euerie tittle striues to kiss. 1440
 Who, on his royall ground, vnto himselfe doth raise
 The worke to trouble *fame*, and to astonishe pr⟨aise.⟩

1418 faire,] faire! Dr 1419 and om. F too] too! Dr
 1420 sumers] Summer D, F 1421 lookes] looke Dr 1427
 land sounde] Land-sounds Dr 1431 ayerie] aery Dr: ay'ry D2:
 Ay'ry F 1432 Loue] lore F, C 1433 Contemn'd] Contem'nd
 MS 1435 sore] soare Dr, D2, F 1438 Then] Than Dr
 1440 euerie] ev'ry D2

4. *Gypsie.* /

Indeed he is not Lord alone of the Estate,
 1445 But of the *Loue* of men, and of the *Empire's* fate,
 The *muses arts*, y^e *schooles*, *commerce*, o^r *honors*, *Lawes*,
 And *vertues* hang on him, as on their working cause.

2. *Gip.* His handmaid *Iustice* is,
 3. *Gip.* *Wisdome* his wife,
 1450 4. *Gip.* His Mistresse *Mercie*,
 5. *Gip.* *Temperance* his life,
 2. *Gip.* His Pages *Bountie* and *Grace*, w^{ch} many proue.
 3. *Gip.* His guardes are *Magnanimitie* and *Loue*,
 4. *Gip.* His vshers *Counsell*, *truthe*, and *pietie*.
 1455 5. *Gip.* And all that followes him, *ffelicitie.* /

Song .5.

O that we vnderstood
 Our good !
 There's happiness indeed in blood,
 1460 And store,
 But how much more,
 When *vertues* flood
 In the same streame dothe hitt !
 As that growes highe wth yeares, so happines wth it. /

1465 *Captaine.* /

Loue, *Loue* his fortune then, and *vertues* knowne,
 Who is the top of men,
 But make⟨s⟩ the happiness o^r owne :
 Since, where the Prince for goodnes is renownd,
 1470 The subiect wth *felicitie* is Crownd. /

The End. /

1444 he is MS, Dr: he's D2: hee's F the Estate MS, Dr: all the
 State D2, F 1446 muses] Muses, D1 honors] Honours D: honours
 F 1448 handmaid] hand-maid, Dr 1452 proue.] prove, Dr,
 D2, F 1453 Loue.] Loue MS.: loue, Dr, D2: love. F 1454
 vshers] ushers, Dr: Ushers, D2, F 1455 Song .5.] Song. Dr
 1468 makes Dr, D2, F 1471 The End.] FINIS. Dr: om. D2

The Epilogue.

At *Burley*, *Beuer*, and now last at *Windsor*,
 W^{ch} shewes wee are *Gipsies* of no co^mon kind, Sr,
 You haue beheld (and wth delight) theire change, 1475
 And how they came transformd may thinck it strange,
 It being a thing not touchd at by o^r *Poet* ;
 Good *Ben* slept there, or else forgot to shoue it.
 But least it proue like wonder to the sight,
 To see a *Gipsie* (as an *Æthiop*) white, 1480
 Knowe, that what dide o^r faces was an oyntmen<t>
 Made and laid on by M^r *wolfs* appointment,
 The Courte *Lycanthropos* : yet without spelle,
 By a meere *Barbor*, and no magicke elle,
 It was fetcht of wth water and a ball ; 1485
 And, to o^r transformation, this was all,
 Saue what the Master *Fashioner* calls his.
 ffor to a *Gypsies* metamorphosis
 (Who doth disguise his habit and his face,
 And takes on a false person by his place) 1490
 The power of *poesie* can neuer faile her,
 Assisted by a *Barbor* and a *Taylor*. /

1472 *The Epilogue.* not in D1 1481 dide] dy'd D2 : dy'd F
 1483 *Lycanthropos*] *Licanthropos* D2 : *Licanthropos* F 1484
 Barbor] Barber D2, F (so 1492) 1486 was] is D2 : is F 1488
 a om. D2, F, N 1491 *poesie*] Poetry D2 : Poetrie F After 1492
 FINIS. D : FINIS. F

PUNCTUATION OF THE TEXT

The following stops, missing in the Manuscript, have been supplied, usually from the Duodecimo or the Folio.

At the King's entrance at Burly] 4 word, 7 Loue, Life, dis-
 pence, 9 sperritte, come, 10 dombe. 13 increases,
 14 ceases. 15 Place, 17 Whome, rude, 22 abound-
 ance, 23 growne ; 24 Center : 25 thancke, voves,
 Prologue at Windsor] 30 fingers, ones, 31 nones, 32 you,
 Master. 34 time, speeche, 35 place : 38 Court,
 39 'tis sport, 41 wery. 43 (some . . . say) disease. 44 you,
 Sr, 45 alreadie, thrice ; 46 Wherein, invade,

The Gypsies Metamorphosed] <i>metamorphos'd.</i>				52 <i>Gipsie,</i>
53 <i>him.</i>	54 <i>second,</i>	55 <i>poultre, &c.</i>	<i>speakes,</i>	58 <i>Ægipt,</i>
59 horse,	60 head,	41 <i>Ptolomee,</i>		62 Counties ;
63 daughter,	66 Iustice,	67 both,	time,	68 <i>Chester,</i>
69 them,	70 belly,	72 kingdome.	wretchock,	75 mag-
gott,	76 daylie,	77 <i>quinquennium.</i>	(<i>et passim</i>) 'Tis true,	
78 backe, nose ;	79 <i>Gipsie,</i>	blood,	80 thriu'd ?	82 <i>Ken,</i>
83 (<i>et passim</i>) 'tis	equipage,	84 <i>convoy, cheates,</i>	<i>peckage,</i>	
85 <i>-beckage,</i>	86 <i>Crackmans,</i>	89 <i>Cacklers,</i>	<i>Grunters,</i>	
90 Hunters,	91 alieu,	92 I,	93 Parke,	Chases,
94 places,	95 <i>James'es, Greenwich, Tiballs,</i>			96 akorns,
chiballe,	97 name,	98 game.	100 <i>Barnabee,</i>	
102 <i>Gervice,</i>	103 <i>Charles,</i>	man,	106 obscure,	107 In-
terpreters,	108 vnderstood,]	vnderstood :	110-11 <i>Cantinge,</i>	
112 <i>Guittara,</i>	<i>Cheife.</i>	122 by,	123 musters,	124 th'
clusters.	125 fashion,	126 nation ;		127 riches,
128 stiches.	129 <i>walnuts,</i>	130 <i>-nutte,</i>		131 linnen,
132 in.	133 you,	135 faces,	136 <i>laces.</i>	137 yee,
138 bellye,	139 too,	tenses,	140 sences.	141 gloues,
you,	142 still,	you,	143 ffor,	<i>Burly,</i>
Singer,	148 little	149 me,	150 border,	146 Stay,
151 <i>Rule,</i>	<i>Recorder,</i>	152 order,	154 same.	155 (mar-
gin) <i>Beauer.</i>	157 <i>ken,</i>	158 men.		159 feare,
160 Eye, Eare,	162 geare.	164 two, three,		165 hee.
166 Roome-mortę,	167 portę,	168 resortę,		171 <i>Ptolo-</i>
<i>mæus,</i>	172 <i>Coryphæus,</i>	173 <i>Cleopatra,</i>		174 <i>-matra.</i>
175 Then, it,	176 is,	177 by,	goose,	178 loose,
179 longe,	181 song,	183 pott,	185 <i>Indus,</i>	186 <i>In-</i>
<i>dagine,</i>	188 <i>Palmistry,</i>	189 mistry.		190 wimbles,
191 thimbles,	195 <i>Simper-the-Cocketts,</i>	197 vs.		199 cruell,
200 iewell,				
201, 203, 204, 205, 207 well,		208 well.		211 Once,
twice, againe.	(margin) <i>windsor.</i>	212, 213 nowe, (<i>so in margin</i>)		
214 dances,	(margin) <i>fingering,</i>	215 (margin) <i>lingering,</i>		
216 <i>nancies,</i>	217 <i>Tripsies,</i>	(margin) <i>knightę</i>	218 <i>Gypsies ?</i>	
219 (margin) charges ?	219 Here's	221 <i>Cippus,</i>	222-3 vs, 223 (mar-	
gin) <i>windsor.</i>	225 (margin) <i>quarter ;</i>	227 (margin) <i>order,</i>		
228 (margin) There's	229 (margin) <i>steal,</i>	230 <i>Quary,</i>		
231 (margin) done,	232 (margin) <i>pdon.</i>	232 say, mee, (mar-		
gin) doe,	(margin) too,	(margin) say, me.	234 <i>Captaine,</i>	
235 men,	237 bowle,	stale ;	238 thus,	drincke,
239 wincke,	240 But,	you,	241 Nation,	243 <i>Peake ;</i>
244 <i>mutton, lambe, or veale,</i>	245 <i>Chick, Capon, Turkey,</i>			steale,
247 bought ;	248 lifte,	249 shifte,		
251 readie,	th' bralle,	252 ryme,	253 time :	254 this,
that, more, such, or so,	257 straine,	262, 263 you,	265 night,	

266 you.	267 you,	273 Masters, younge,	274 hart,
275 you, bird,	begin; see,	276 best, hee.	277 Here's
alreadie,	278 Art. Here's	hand.	279 I'le (<i>et passim</i>)
sake,	280 hound, swine;	281 stag, food,	282 bodie,
blood.	283 meanes,	store,	284 land, borne, Sr,
to more,	285 you,	peace,	286 hauinge, increase.
287 wencher,	table,	288 able.	289 single, wife,
290 life.	291 qualitie,	292 man, barnes.	293 betoken,
294 haue,	spoken.	295 stay Mount, here!	296 Kinge!
a Monarch!	appeare!	297 Highe! bountifull! iust!	partē!
298 men,	hartē!	299 I'le traine,	300 againe.
302 old,	treasure,	303 young, pleasure,	304 faire,
305 grace,	306 leasure.	307 wittie, mirrors,	308 foolishe,
errors,	310 delight,	311 terrors.	315 <i>Captaine</i> .
hand,	317 are,	318 things,	320 heauen,
323 business,	324 cease:	326 compose,	lawes,
327 <i>Peace?</i>	328 this,	329 iust,	330 dispose,
daughters.	332 owne,	333 peace,	slaughters.
334 pre-	335 fortune, Sr, to you,	337 stand,	veiwē,
sume, true,	339 call?	340 shine,	341 Maker, Sr, mine.
338 you,	344 flowe,	345 repent.	346 hand,
343 bountie,	348 ouerchardge.	350 mee,	made,
347 stand,	354 <i>w^{ch}</i> ,	358 Sire, Sonne.	359 hand, Sir.
361 Loue, shee,	362 Comaund, Sr.	363 strife,	364 wife,
365 one;	367 here,	368 one.	369 Starre,
371 <i>Hesper</i> ,	373 call,	374 <i>vesper</i> .	375 Courses,
sunne,	376 runne,	377 splendor:	380 her,
384 'Twixt knees,	385 Loue,	386 laughter?	387 please,
388 ease,	389 labors;	391 <i>Empire</i> ,	392 neighbours:
394 wishe,	395 attendinge,	396 when,	397 beginnes,
398 endinge:			
401 you,	407 <i>w^{ch}</i> ,	410 shoe.	411 doe,
414 rime.	415 <i>Rose</i> ,	417 siluer,	losse,
419 hallowe,	420 followe;	421 ten,	422 agen,
423 when.	424 But, Lady,	tipsie,	425 <i>Gypsie</i> .
426 not,	<i>Kate</i> ,	427 earlie,	late,
428 you,	fate.		
429 it, Madam,	430 <i>Adam</i> ,	431 wax,	432 aks:
433 ye,	434 alreadie,	435 ye.	436 Fellowe,
437 And,	438 iealous,	439 zealous,	440 There's vs.
yellowe,	441 white,	chaste,	442 smoothe,
443 raste,	444 But, <i>Dame</i> ,	ye,	
447 lott,	448 pure,	449 But, <i>Dame</i> ,	ye,
451 tender,	452 render,	453 That,	454 blood, name,
455 <i>fame</i> ,	460 <i>w^{ch}</i> ,	463 You, Lady, too,	464 too;
465 brauerie,	bountie,	466 Countie.	467 night,
470 you.	471 lou'd,	loue,	472 proue,
473 imbract,			
474 chaste,	475 Wise,	faire,	476 him, you:

477 told, 478 ould. 481 Madam, late, 483 made.
 485 life, 486 shade. 488 fortune, 489 For, forecasting,
 490 'Tis good, 493 *wth*, 496 pardon, Lady, stand,
 497 (If hand) 499 Detected. 500 arte,
 503 Suspected. 504 firste, 505 As, vewed, 506 vpon,
 507 men. 509 e're muche, 510 taste, 511 men.
 512 doe, 513 too : 514 be, 516 yo^{rs}, you,
 517 *Su*, 518 besides, 522 wonder, 523 looke.
 525 hand, face. 527 *Loue* ; 528 consent, 529 Content.
 530 For, disguyse, 531 eyes. 532 And, further,
 533 murther, 534 Sayes, 535 light, 537 roses,
 538 blisses, 539 plant^e, kisses, 541 die, 542 tinder,
 548 fable. 549 showne, 550 owne,
 551 you, 552 you. 553 depart, 554 art, 555 still,
 556 sexe, 565 palme, Sr, land, 566 pure, hand,
 567 trust, 568 you'll iust, 571 weale, 572 seale.
 574 yeare. 579 brest, 580 that's *Guest*, 581, 582 of,
 584 are, God, 587 *Gypsie*. 588 Come, Sr, borrowe,
 demaund, Sr, 589 'tis money, hand, Sr. 590 hand, it,
 591 money, it. 592 treasure, 593 much, foule.
 594 good, 595 vpriht, debt ; 596 paine, 597 th'
 601 Honest, old, 602 told. 603 healt^e, 604 prouided,
 wealt^e, 606 less. 607 warrant, shall, 612 Master, Donor,
 613 Honor, 614 part^e, 615 are, Arte. 616 wch,
 found, 617 they, all, bound, 618 bonde ; 619 you,
 free. 620 owne. 622 fictitious. 623 Greatnesse, Good ;
 624 way, 625 should, may : 626 'twixt noise,
 631 hand, 633 land. 634 Captaine, wee, 635 long,
 636 Table ; 637 Master's able. 639 away. 641 bancke,
 643 blood, 649 hand, Sr, Court ; 650 earnest, sport.
 651 imployed, 655 abroad, 656 load^e. 657 here,
 658 *Gipsie*, sweare. 659 *Doxie*, 660 *Proxie*, 661 One,
 scepter, 662 ods, 681 you, Sr, Chamberlaine,
 682 way : 683 Man, 684 can ; 685 are, 656 dare.
 687 pen, 688 Arte, Men. 690 you, *Apollo*. 691 face,
 693 place, 694 line, trenche, 695 wenche. 696 'Tis
 honour, chaste, 697 displac't. 699 *straine*,
 707 Why, sport, 708 Northe, Southe, 709 Court,
 710 mouthe. 711 Towne, 712 Maior, oppose, 713 Wee'l
 downe, 714 hose. 716 behoulder, 717 Ape, 718 shoulder.
 720 wenche, 721 I, awake, 722 Yes, benche. 723 worthe,
 724 stock^e, 725 forthe, 726 I, smocks. 727 Tut,
 Man, 729 can, 730 can, gutte. 731 vs, . . . vs,
 showts, 732 thunder, boyes. 733 Lord ! theise, *Tom* ? knowe ?
 734 hether, . . . hether, *Dicke*, 735 such ? oliue-colour'd sprites,
 736 here, 738 gingle, 740 No, horse. 741 O, for-

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gotten, that's rule ; 742 Maid-marrian, them, 744 see.
 745 foolcs. 746 said, *Foole* ; why, 747 thou, didst *Gipsies* ?
 748 *Gipsies*, 749 at, *Gipsies*, 750 yeare,
 Moone,
 751 Conscience. 752 O, men, now. 753 gentleman-
 like 754 though, 754 day, 756 all, 757 where ?
 where ? 758 *Gipsies*, they ? 759 'em. 760 are.
 761 Cant, Mill ? 762 art ? 763 No : theis,
 764 farre, 765 yet. 766 better, 767 life, 768 clean-
 lier. 769 then, 770 wenchcs. 771 Musique ! *Pipers*.
 772 bagpipe, 773 tabour. *Clod*, 774 monie ? 775 I'll will,
 I'll none. 776 Why, said, arse, 777 hee'l fist.
 778 I, Iade, hee'l fart. 779 proffitt, 780 on't. 781 I,
 him. 782 Yonder's parke, 783 Castle, 784 *Eaton*,
 785 *Dorney*. 786 Minstrell. 787 shires. 789 pleasure.
 790 nowc, groate, 791 sake. 792 Yes, sake.
 793 purses, 794 sake. 795 money. 796 Come, Girles,
 towne ; 797 can, 798 *Minstrell*. 799 *Dance*.
 801 *prying*, after, 803 dells, 804 *Nells*, 805 shellc,
 806 hands, elle. 808 bells, 809 fells ; 810 spells,
 811 chances, 812 dances, 814 *Francis*, 815 *Harry*,
 816 *Mary*, 817 *Dairie*, 818 *Thomas*. 819 vs :
 820 tawnie, 821 brawnie ; 822 is, 824 so, 'Slid,
 825 rime, halfe. 826 Nay, 'em ; peace, 827 *Prudence*,
 that. 828 they, marrie. 829 aduis'd ? 830 Yes, to't,
 832 stalkcs. 833 be, 834 him, fee. 835 Ho,
Prue, 836 bitt ? 837 alone, enough. 838 *Gypsie* !
 839 You'll hereafter. 840 *Mary*, I'll listen : next ?
 841 *Cockrell*. 842 drunke, true : 843 pot, you.
 844 Prophet, a prophet ! *Gipsie* ! 845 *Gypsie*, *Gypsie* !
 846 now : to't, 847 parishe. 848 not, apes, 849 scapes.
 850 ladie,
 851 hard. all, I see. 852 *Clod* ? list. 853 bare,
 854 paire. 855 head, game. 856 play, 857 it.
 858 Peace, 859 *Meg*, . . . *Meg*, 860 inches : 861 fortune,
 terrible. 862 britch, 863 stiche. 864 shee. 865 bet-
 ter, pancake. 866 Harke, *Ticklefoote*. 868 it, 869 ffaith,
 little, 870 forgott. Ha' 871 her, a straitc-lac'd 872 six-
 teene ? 873 loose-bodied gowne, 874 Clowne. 875 *Chris-*
tian ? 876 worse. 877 Come, I'll selfe, 878 Towne.
 worst, 879 name's *Towneshead*, 879 angric. 880 be,
 881 owne, *Parsons*, wives. 882 that, 883 lie.
 Come, *Puppy*, 884 too. 885 No, enough, ha'
 886 might. 887 selfe, you'll ha' lucke, 888 shortly,
 plucke. 889 birdc, Mum ! 890 hum, 891 come,
 892 Hee'l 893 drum. 894 roome : 895 some,

- 896 others, 897 Brothers. 898 cheates, 899 I'le feates.
 901 faithe,] faithe! Covie, 'em? 902 scattered, thincke.
 903 'em, marle? 904 Mary, selfe, *Puppie*, knowe, last.
 906 mee, 907 a goe. 908 Why, what'e matter, man?
 909 Slid, ha' purse, 910 me. 911 not, they?
 912 *Clod*, they, 913 penie. 914 luck. 915 whore.
 916 peace, 917 Companie. S'lid, 919 hart, it. 920 ha'
 too. 922 purse, whimperinge? 923 ringe? 924 No,
 925 dearlie, aboue, 926 vs, 927 piper. 928 stocke,
 gone? 930 Mary, there's els, 932 ginger, 933 holidayes.
 934 fine-fingerd i' faith. 935 Nutmeg, 936 ouer, *Oxford*,
 937 mornings, pinnes, 938 hart, 939 ha' (beside purse)
 940 wedding, 941 hobnailes, 943 ha' thimble, 944
 handkerchiefe, 946 I, 947 Pietie, 948 *Barnabe*, worse.
 949 Clowt, sayes, 950 it,
 951 sticke, now. 952 sheathe, 952-3 Doggs-leather gloues.
 954 where's 955 Here, ha' loose, 956 seemes, wth.
 957 marrowes, 961 fit; 962 small, 963 all: 965 stock,
 966 done, 967 Moone, 968 afternoone, 970 *visus*,
 971 *risus*. 973 ring, 974 Or, wurse, 975 purse.
 976 maine, 977 straine, 978 Here's againe! 979 there's
 980 ginger, 982 *Megg*: 983 tabour, 984 there's
 labour. 985 knife, 986 life, 987 strife, 988 wife,
 989 brother, 990 another, 992 hether. 994 *Prue*,
 996 tokens; 997 groate, 998 throate; 999 pence, 1000 pence.
 1001 ballett, 1002 booke, it, 1003 Alas, 1004 pietie,
 1005 it, 1006 it. 1007 thimble, lace, 1008 lasse
 1009 All's 1010 round: 1011 ye, 1012 ye. 1013 ye,
 1014 theife's 1015 Excellent, i'faith! *Gypsie*! All'e
 1016 againe, 1018 selves, me. 1019 clowting. 1020 I,
 that, I'le 1022 qualitie, it, 1023 this, bragatan,
 him. 1026 *Gypsie*, pray, Sr, 1026-7 flagonfleakean?
 1028 -peakian, 1029 *Niglington*, 1030 *ffilchington*, 1031 *Tap-*
plington, 1032 *Wappington*. 1033 me, *Gypsie*!
 1034 But, pray, Sr, you, 1036 *arse*.] *arse*? 1037 word,
 1040 lord, 1041 hight, 1043 feast. 1047 heare,
 1049 eare. 1050 Clarcke, 1051 Larke.
 1052 song, Case: 1053 Musique, minstrell. 1054 in,
 sharke, 1055 darke, 1056 toyes, 1058 boyes,
 1062 guest, 1063 dinner, 1065 sinner. 1067 rise:
 1068 it, poacht, 1070 wishe, 1071 downe, eate;
 1072 dishe, 1073 meate. 1075 trencher, 1076 *Bacon*,
 1077 *Devill's* wench. 1078 Cutt, 1079 Sempsters,
 pallett, 1081 Charger, 1082 marrowe, 1083 sawce,
 1084 barrowe, 1085 sauce. 1086 carbonado'd, paines,
 1087 face; 1088 braines, 1089 mace. 1091 (The ..

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'em)	1092 furd,	1093 'em.	1094 Towne,	1096
feathers,	gowne,	1097 hinche-boyes	1098 iellie.	Cuckold,
spitt,	1099 him,	1100 bit,		
1101 him.	1102 rosted,	1103 garlicke,	1104 pettitoes,	
1105 Captaine,	warlicke.	1106 hot,	1108 brought,	
1109 crust,	hoary.	1110 Peace,	1111 arme,	1112
greace,	1113 warme.	1114 fishe,	1115 by,	1116
dishe,	1117 Tart, Pye.	1118 deuour'd,	then,	Close,
1119 Call,	1120 nose,	1121 all.	1122 start,	
1123 scarce,	1124 fart,	1138 song,	songster,	1139
hempsed,	1140 Sr,	1141 order,	vnderstood,	1142 Com-
panie :	1143 prentice,	1144 soule,	1145 yeares,	would.
1146 I,	one, too.	1148 me, Sr;	1149 gentleman,	
1150 ha'	prouided.			
1151 appoint,	1152 Captaine ; I'le	1153 truthe,	time,	
1155 I,	tearmes, Sr,	1156 (for	1158 followers.	I'le
monye, Sr,	1159 haue,	1160 face,	I'le	1162 Tutt,
1163 fortunes,	pockette.	1164 I,	them,	1165 them.
1167 companie, Sr ?		1168 I,	ordinarie,	nothing.
1169 ffriende,	ye,	1170-1 ye,	1174 historie.	1175
done,	1177 Moone.	1179 Acquird,	desird.	1180 -bowsy,
1181 drowsie,	1182 lowzie,	1184 ye.		1187 Pens,
1188 hens,	1190 pullen :	1191 Capon,		1192 bacon,
1193 forsaken.	1194 loose,	1195 goose,		1197 lie,
1199 two,	1200 dreames,			
1203 crie,	1207 shirt.	1208 light,	1209 I'le	
1210 knott :	1211 is, not.	1214 greace,	1215 greace ;	
1216 kine,	1218 eyne ;	1220 fire,	1221 I'le	1222 flaxe,
1224 poses.	1225 example,	1227 suppose ;		1228 hard,
1231 yard,	1232 regard,	1234 eies.	1235 I'le	1236 wine,
1237 dine ;	1238 lacke,	1239 sacke,		1241 about,
1243 'twere	1244 tricks,	1244 defendendo,		1247 Cheese.
1248 bacon.	1249 Oh,	sumptuouslie ;		
1251 hande,	1252 that,	1253 here : him.	1254 wonder ?	
1255 Nay,	1256 skill.	1257 (for I will)	1258 Here	
hill,	1259 fill,	1260 Gill,	1261 King,	1262 too,
1263 here,	1264 appeare,	1266 offenders,		1267 men,
1268 men.	1270 I'le	1271 thiefe,	1273 beife.	1274 'tis
1275 wine,	1276 fine,	1277 sherie ;		1278 merrie.
1280 hall, a hall !	1281 wall,	1282 tall,	1283 all.	[Margin :
1273 throates,	oates,	1274 ye.	1276 hether,	1277 Beuer,
1278 father.	1280 night,	1281 'tis	night,	1284, 1285 night,]
1286 Constable,	1287 hall, a hall,	hall. hall !		1292 Why,
behold,	1293 'Twas	tould,	1294 deuce :	1295 trice,
1297 by,				
1301 place:	1304 Master,	1306 flie,	1308 I ;	

1310 reioyce,	1311 I'le requite,	1312 right.	1313 night,
1314 sight,	1315 light,	1316 knight ;	1317 lasses,
1318 wages,	1321 O, <i>Patrico</i> ,	is't ? is't ?	1322 close,
1323 burthen,	suppose,	1324 <i>Soueraigne</i> ,	1325 offences.
1326 alone,	<i>soueraigne</i> ,	<i>sences</i> .	1327 Wee'l being,
1329 morninge,	1330 squint-eies torninge,	1331 spectre,	
1332 drunckard,	nectar,	1333 man,	1334 vglie, comon,
1335 rampant,	1336 britches ;	1337 beeing,	1338
<i>soueraigne</i> , (so 1352, 1363, 1371, 1381)		1339 toyes,	1340 noise,
1341 impertinence,	1342 roome,	1343 file,	1344 phrases,
stile,	1345 tune,	1346 Iune,	1347 <i>Lothbury</i> ,
<i>Banbury</i> ,			
1351 out-wearinge :	1352 <i>Hearing</i> .	1353 sheete,	1354 feete,
1356 vnderneathe,	1357 diet,	1358 <i>-Colledg</i>	1359 <i>Tobacco</i> ,
1360 pipe,	1361 excelleng,	1362 dwelling :	1364 fishe,
1365 dishe,	1366 swine,	1367 venison, wine,	1368 Ling,
soe're boyle,	1369 oyle,	1370 fasting,	1372 bird-
lime, pitch,	1373 itche,	1374 hog,	1375 dog,
1376 brier,	1377 fire,	1379 morne,	1380 grutching,
1383 sporte,	<i>sences</i> ,	1384 way,	1385 fall,
him, heauen,	1387 song,	1388 outgoe,	1389 And,
mortall,	1390 <i>wth</i> , <i>vp</i> ,	1394 done,	1395 set ;
1397 yet.	1398 appeare,	1399 feare,	
1401 him,	1402 belong :	1405 o ^r ,	earthe,
stood,	1408 blood.	1410 vertue,	1411 intier,
1413 face,	1414 browe,	eie,	state,
1418 Looke, looke,	faire,	1419 freshe,	too,
1421 doe,	1422 blowne.] blowne ?	1423 more !	knowne !
1426 windes,	tame,	1427 wings,	1428 And,
1429 springs.	1430 praise,	1431 rings,	1432 <i>fame</i> ,
1433 For,	Contemn'd,	1435 <i>fame</i> ,	1436 And,
1438 name.	1439 Such,	is,	1441 Who,
1442 <i>fame</i> ,	1443 Estate,	1445 men,	fate.
<i>schooles</i> , <i>commerce</i> ,	<i>honors</i> , <i>Lawes</i> ,	1447 him,	cause.
1449 wife,	1450 <i>Mercie</i> ,		
1451 life,	1452 <i>Grace</i> ,	proue.	1453 <i>Loue</i> ,
<i>truthe</i> ,	<i>pietie</i> .	1455 him,	1458 good !
1460 store,	1461 more,	1463 hitt !	1464 yeares,
1466 Loue,	then,	knowne,	1467 men,
1469 Since,	renownd,	1473 <i>Burley</i> , <i>Beuer</i> ,	<i>Windsor</i> ,
kind, Sr,	1475 (and delight)	change,	1476 strange,
1477 <i>Poet</i> ;	1478 there,	it.	1479 sight,
white,	1481 Knowe,	1482 appointment,	1483 <i>Lycanthropos</i> :
spelle,	1484 Barbor,	elle,	1485 ball ;
transformation,	all,	1487 his.	1489 face,
			1491 her,

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THE TEXT

The Masque of Augurs was first printed in Quarto early in 1622. The collation is A and B in fours. The Quarto has no imprint, and is found in two states, the first completely anonymous, the second, in a British Museum copy with press-mark C. 39 c. 34, having a final note on B 4 verso signed 'B. J.', acknowledging the services of Inigo Jones, Alphonso Ferrabosco, and Nicholas Lanier.

For the expression of this, I must stand ; The inuention was diuided betwixt M^r. IONES, and mee. The SCENE, which your eye iudges, was wholly his, and worthy his place of the Kings Surueyour, and Architect, full of noble obseruation of Antiquitie, and high Presentment. The Musique compos'd by that excellent paire of Kinsemen, M^r. ALPHONSO FERRABOSCO, and M^r. NICHOLAS LANIER. An sint Musis & Apolline digna,

penes vos esto.

This addition was evidently an afterthought.

Four copies of the Quarto have been collated for the present text: two in the British Museum, the copy noticed above, and the Wise copy (Ashley 961), and two in the Bodleian, Arch. Bodl. B. II 85 and the Malone copy. They are identical except for the concluding footnote. Throughout the masque the descriptions and stage-directions are in the present tense, as in the opening words '*The first Antimasque hath for the Scene, The COVRT-BVTTRYHATCH. The Presenters are from Saint KATHERINES.*'—and '*The Torch-Bearers Dance. After which the AVGVRS lay by their stauess, and dance their Entry. Which done, APOLLO, and the rest interpret the Augurie.*' (ll. 363-6). Similarly in Jonson's final note of acknowledgement we read '*The SCENE, which your eye iudges, . . .*' The Quarto was printed to serue the purpose of an acting-copy and also to be distributed at Court to privileged spectators and patrons. It was the text of the first performance on 6 January 1622, or as the title-page gives it, 'Twelفة night. 1621.'

A revised and enlarged text, probably used at the second performance on 6 May 1622, was printed in the Folio of 1640 among the Masques on signatures M, N 1, and N 2 recto, pages 81 to 91. The insertions in the first antimasque are satire on the officials of the Revels Office for pilfering beer and wax candles provided for the performers (ll. 34-6) and the ballad of John Urson (ll. 165-225). The text is touched up too in minor points. The Groom asks in the Quarto 'what do's this *Dutchman* build, or talke of? Castles in the ayre?' (ll. 109-10): the Folio has 'what *Dutchman* does build or frame Castles in the Aire?' 'A cheat loafe and a bumbard' (l. 128) is in the Folio 'a cheat loafe, and a bumbard of broken beere'. The 'ground' of the bears is located at Paris Garden (l. 142). Only once is there an omission of a phrase in the Quarto: it is the reference to 'the three *dancing Beares*, a famous Alehouse in *Saint Katherines* (you may hap know it Sir'), where the Folio leaves out 'a famous Alehouse' as unsuited to the aside in the context 'you may hap know it' (ll. 115-6).

In spelling and punctuation the two texts differ widely. The Folio was not printed from a copy of the Quarto with manuscript additions inserted. In the text of *Lovers made Men*, *Neptune's Triumph for the Return of Albion*, and *The Fortunate Isles*, where the Folio reprints the Quarto texts, we find a general similarity in these minor points. On the contrary, page 82 of the Folio text of *The Masque of Augurs* (ll. 28-86) has forty variants of spelling and punctuation (outside an additional passage) when compared with the Quarto, whereas in page 106 of the Folio text of *Neptune's Triumph* (ll. 17-70) there are only seven trifling variants.

The Quarto supplies some words missing in the late text: for instance, 'King' in line 314 and 'Addes' in line 377. But in one passage the Quarto appears to be defective, where Notch suggests that Vangoose should 'shew vs some Country-plaiers, strolling about in seuerall shires, without licence from the office; that would please, I know whom' (ll. 247-9). These are the last words on A 4 verso, with the

catchword 'Not.' as if Notch had not been speaking, and B 1 recto begins 'Not. Or some Welsh Pilgrims'. The Groom of the Revels, who has caught up Notch and the others readily enough on every other point, ignores a suggestion so attractive to his office as the detection of unlicensed players; a single-line speech of his has been lost at the foot of the page, if it was no more than 'I, I know whom'. The Folio closes the gap by running the two speeches together.

The other great insertion of the Folio text is the elaborate archaeological commentary on augury written in Latin, with which Jonson interpreted the symbolism of the masque. He evidently set much store by it, and it is a pity he did not print it himself in a second quarto, for the printer of the Folio was utterly incapable of understanding it.

Copies of John Urson's *Ballad* (ll. 165-225) are found in *Recreation for Ingenious Head-peeces*, 1663, Z 3 verso-5 recto, 'The Post of the Signe'; in *The Drinking Academy*, edited by S. A. Tannenbaum and Cyrus L. Day, 1930; and in D'Urfy's *Pills to Purge Melancholy*, vol. iv, 1719, pages 38, 39, 'A Ballad called, The Jovial Bear-ward'. The texts are valueless.

We have necessarily followed the Folio text, correcting it from the Quarto, especially in the matter of punctuation.

THE
MASQUE
OF
AVGVRES.

WITH THE SEVERAL
Antimasques.

Presented on Twelfe night.

1621.

The title-page of the Quarto, 1621-2

THE
 MASQUE OF
 AUGURES.
 WITH
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 ANTIMASQVES
 PRESENTED ON
 TWELFE-NIGHT,
 1622.

The first Antimasque had for the SCENE
 The Court Buttry-hatch.

The Presenters were from St. KATHARINES,
 Notch a *Brewers Clarke*, Slug a *Lighterman*, Van-goose a *rare*
Artist, Lady Alewife, her two Women, three dancing 5
 Beares, Urson the *Bear-ward*, Groome of the Revells.

NOTCH. C Ome, now my head's in, I'le even venture
 the whole: I ha' seene the Lyons ere
 now, and he that hath seene them, may see the King.

SLVG. I thinke he may; but have a care you go not too 10
 high (neighbour *Notch*) least you chance to have a Tally
 made of your pate, and bee clawed with a cudgell; there

Heading. TWELFE-NIGHT, 1622] Twelfe night. 1621. Q 1 had]
 hath Q SCENE] Scene, Q 2 Court Buttry-hatch] COVRT-
 BUTTRYHATCH Q 3 were] are Q KATHARINES,] KATHERINES.
 Q 4-6 Q prints in a column, e.g. 'NOTCH. A *Brewers Clarke*. |
 SLVG. A *Lighterman*. 5 Artist,] Artist; F Lady Alewife,]
 LADY. Ale-wife. Q 7 I'le] Ile Q, F even venture] eu'n venter Q
 8 whole:] whole. Q ha'] ha Q, F 9 now,] now; Q them, Q:
 them F 12 of] on G cudgell;] cudgell. Q

is as much danger <in> going too neere the King, as the Lyons.

15 GROOM. Whither? whither now, gamesters? what is the businesse? the affaire? stop, I beseech you.

NOT. This must be an Officer, or nothing, he is so peart, and breife in his demands! a pretty man! and a pretty man is a little o' this side nothing; howsoever, we must not
20 be daunted now. I am sure I am a greater man then he out of the Court, and I have lost nothing of my size since I came <in> to it.

GROOM. Hey-da! what's this? A hogshead of beere broake out of the Kings buttery, or some *Dutch* Hulke!
25 whether are you bound? The winde is against you, you must backe; doe you know where you are?

NOT. Yes, sir, if we bee not mistaken, we are at the Court, and would be <very> glad to speake with something of lesse authority, and more wit, that knowes a little in the
30 place.

GRO. Sir, I know as little as any man in the place; speake, what is your businesse? I am an Officer, Groome of the Revels, that is my place.

NOT. To fetch Bouge of Court, a parcell of invisible
35 bread, and beere for the Plaiers (for they never see it) or to mistake sixe Torches from the Chandry, and give them one.

GRO. How, sir?

NOT. Come, this is not the first time you have carried coales to your owne house, I meane that should have warm'd
40 them.

GROOM. Sir, I may doe it by my place, and I must question you farther.

13 in Q After 14 Enter Groom of the Revels. G 15 Whither? whither? Whether? whether Q now,] now Q, F 16 stop,] stop Q, F 17 peart, Q: peart F 19 nothing,] nothing. Q howsoever,] Howsoever, Q: howsoever F 20 now. Q: now, F 20 sure I am] sure, I am corr Q: sure I am, Q originally then Q: than F (which has 'then' elsewhere in this masque) 21 size Q: Sire F 22 into Q 24 or] ro F Dutch Q: Dutch F 25 you,] you: Q 27 Yes,] Yes Q, F 28 very Q 29 little] little, Q, F 32-3 Groome... Revels,] GROOME... REVELS; Q 33-41 that is my... place not in Q 34 Bouge] Bonge F Court,] Court F 37 How, F3: How F 41-2 and... farther] I may and must aske you Q (following on 'Revels' in l. 33)

N O T. Be not so musty, sir, our desire is only to know whether the Kings Majesty, and the Court expect any disguise here to night.

45

G R O. Disguise! what meane you by that? doe you thinke that his Majesty sits here to expect drunkards?

N O T. No, if hee did, I belceve you would supply that place better then you do this: Disguise was the old English word for a Masque, sir, before you were an implement 50 belonging to the *Revels*.

G R. There is no such word in the Office now, I assure you, sir, I have serv'd here, man, and boy, a Prentiship or twaine, and I should know. But, by what name so ever you call it, here will be a Masque, and shall be a Masque, 55 when you and the rest of your Comrogues shall sit disguis'd in the stocks.

N O T C H. Sure, by your language you were never meant for a Courtier, howsoever it hath beene your ill fortune to be taken out of the nest young; you are some Constables 60 egge, some such Widgin of Authoritie, you are so easily offended! Our comming was to shew our loves, sir, and to make a little merry with his Majesty to night, and we have brought a Masque with us, if his Majestie had not beene better provided.

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G R O O M E. Who you? you a Masque? why you stincke like so many bloat-herrings newly taken out of the chimney! In the name of Ignorance, whence came you? or what are you? you have beene hang'd in the smoake sufficiently, that is smelt out aheadie.

70

N O T C H. Sir, we doe come from among the Brewhouses in Saint *Katherines*, that's true, there you have smoak'd us (the Docke comfort your nostrills,) and we may have

43 so] too Q musty, F3: musty Q, F sir,] Sir; Q know] know, Q 47 that not in Q 49 better] better, Q 50 Masque, F3: Masque Q, F 51 Revels] REVELS Q 52 now, Q: now F 53 you,] you Q, F here,] heere Q boy,] Boy Q: boy F 54-5 But, by . . . it,] But (by . . . it) Q 56 Com-rogues] Comrogues Q 58 Sure, Q: Sure F language] language, Q 62 loves,] lounes, Q: loves F 67 chimney! Q, corr. F: chimney? F originally 73 nostrills,] nostrils Q

lived in a mist there, and so mist our purpose ; but for mine
 75 owne part, I have brought my properties with me to expresse
 what I am ; the keyes of my calling hang here at my girdle,
 and this, the Register booke of my function, shewes mee
 no lesse then a Clarke at all points, and a Brewers Clarke,
 and a Brewers head-Clarke.

80 G R O. A man of accompt, sir ! I cry you mercie.

S L V G. I, sir, I knew him a fine Merchant, a merchant
 of Hops, till all hopt into the water.

N O T C H. No more of that, what I have beene, I have
 beene ; what I am, I am : I *Peter Notch*, Clarke, hearing
 85 the Christmas invention was drawne drie at Court ; and
 that neither the K I N G S Poet, nor his Architect had where-
 withall left to entertaine so much as a Baboone of quality,
 nor scarce the *Welsh* Embassadour if hee should come
 there : Out of my allegiance to wit, drew in some other
 90 friends, that have as it were presumed, out of their own
 naturalls, to fill up the *vacuum* with some pretty presenta-
 tion, which we have addressed, and conveighed hither in a
 Lighter at the generall charge, and landed at the backe doore
 of the Buttery, through my neighbour *Slug's* credit there.

95 S L V G. A poore Lighter-man, sir, one that hath had
 the honour sometimes to lay in the Kings beere there ; and,
 I assure you, I heard it in no worse place then the very
 Buttry, for a certaine, there would bee no Masque, and
 from such as could command a jacke of beere, two, or three.

100 V A N. ~~That is all true, exceeding true, the inventors be barren, lost,~~
~~two, dre, your mile, I know that from my selven ; dey have no~~

75 part, Q : part F 76 am ;] am, Q girdle,] girdle ; Q 77
 this, . . . function, Q : this . . . function F 79 head- Q : head F
 80 accompt,] accompt F : account Q 81 I,] I Q, F 83-4
 beene, . . . beene ;] bin, . . . bin : Q 84 *Peter Notch*, Clarke] PETER
 NOTCH Clarke Q 85 Christmas invention] CHRISTMAS Invention
 Q 86 Kings Poet] Kings POET Q Architect] ARCHITECT Q
 89 allegiance] allegiance Q : allegiance, F 90 presumed,] presumed
 Q, F their] our Q 92 addressed, . . . conveighed] address, . . . conueid' Q
 95 Lighter-man,] Lighterman Q : Lighter-man F 96 there ;] there, Q
 96-7 and, . . . you,] and . . . you Q, F 97 place] place, Q 99 beere,
 two,] Beere two Q After 99 Enter Vangoose. G 101 ~~that~~ Editor:
 that Q, F selven ;] selua : Q have] query, hab

ting, no ting van deir owne, but bat dey take brom de eard, or de
 zea, or de heaven, or de hell, or de rest van de veir Elementen, de
 place a, dat be so common as de bench in de Burdello. Now, me
 bould bring in some dainty new ting, dat neber bas, nor neber sall ¹⁰⁵
 be, in de rebus natura; dat has neder van de materia, nor de
 forma, nor de hoffen, nor de boote, but <is> a mera devisa of de
 braine——

GROOM. Hey-da! what *Hans Flutterkin* is this? what
Dutchman doe's build or frame Castles in the Aire? ¹¹⁰

NOT. He is no *Dutchman*, sir, he is a *Brit[t]aine* borne,
 but hath learn'd to misuse his owne tongue in travell, and
 now speakes all languages in ill *English*; a rare Artist he is,
 sir, and a Projector of Masques. His Project in ours, is,
 that we should all come from the three dancing Beares in ¹¹⁵
Saint Katherines (you may hap know it, sir) hard by where the
 Priest fell in, which Alehouse is kept by a distressed Lady;
 whose name (for the honour of Knighthood) will not bee
 knowne; yet she is come in person here Errant, to fill up
 the adventure with her two women that draw drinke under ¹²⁰
 her, Gentlewomen borne all three, I assure you.

SLVG. And were three of those Gentlewomen that
 should have acted in that famous matter of *Englands joy*
 in sixe hundred and three.

LADY. What talke you of *England's joy*, Gentlemen? ¹²⁵
 you have another matter in hand I wis, *Englands sport* and
 delight, if you can manage it. The poore Cattle yonder are

103 van] uan Q would . . . was F
 materia] mater Q mera Q: meta F
 FLVTERKIN Q
 Dutchman build, or talke of? Castles Q
 Dutch man F
 Lady, Q
 errant Q
 the Lady, with her two Maids. G
 sixe hundred and three italicized in Q
 sport and delight] Sport Q
 time,] yonder, . . . time Q
 104 Now, Q: Now F
 106 be, Q: be F
 107 forma] vorme Q
 109 Hey-da!] Hey-da, Q
 109-10 what Dutchman . . . Castles] what do's this
 111 Dutchman,] Dutchman Q:
 113 English; a] English. A Q: English; a F
 114 ours, Q: ours F
 116 it,] it Q, F
 117 Lady:]
 119 knowne:] knowne, Q
 121 borne all three,] borne, all three Q
 123, 125 joy] Joy, Q: joy F
 126 I wis] ywis Q
 127 delight,] delight F
 105 bould . . . bas Q:
 106 natura:] natura] Q
 hoffen] head Q
 is Q
 Hans Flutterkin] HANS
 what do's this
 dancing Beares]
 a famous Alehouse Q
 person here Errant] person,
 After 121 Enter
 joy F
 yonder . . .

passing away the time, with a cheat loafe, and a bumbard
of broken beere, how will ye dispose of them ?

130 G R O. Cattle ! what cattle do's she meane ?

L A D Y. No worse then the Kings game, I assure you ;
The Beares, Beares both of qualitie and fashion, right
Beares, true Beares !

N O T. A devise only to expresse the place from whence
135 we come (my Ladies house) for which we have borrowed
three very Beares, that (as her Ladyship aforesayd sayes)
are well bred, and can dance to present the signe, and the
Beareward to stand for the signe-poast.

G R O. That is prettie ; but are you sure you have suffi-
140 cient Beares for the purpose ?

S L V G. Very sufficient Beares, as any are in the Ground,
the *Parish-Garden*, and can dance at first sight, and play
their owne tunes, if need bee. *Iohn Vrson*, the Beare-ward,
offers to play them with any Citie-dancers christned, for a
145 ground measure.

N O T. Marry, for lofty tricks, or dancing on the Ropes,
hee will not undertake, it is out of their element, he sayes.
Sir, all our request is, since we are come, we may be ad-
mitted, if not for a Masque, for an *Antick-mask* ; and as we
150 shall deserve therein, we desire to be returned with credit
to the Buttry, from whence we came, for reward, or to the
Porters Lodge with discredit, for our punishment.

G R O. To be whipt with your Beares ? Well, I could
bee willing to venture a good word in behalfe of the Game,
155 if I were assured the aforesayd game would be cleanly, and
not fright the Ladies.

129 of broken beere *not in Q* ye] you *Q* 130 do's *Q* : doe's *F*
131 game.] Game *Q* : game *F* 132 The Beares, Beares both] Beares *Q*
133 Beares ! *Q* : Beares. *F* 134 devise] deuce, *Q* 136, 141
Beares, *Q* : Beares *F* 140 purpose ? *Q* : purpose. *F* 142 the *Parish-*
Garden, not in *Q* 143 tunes, *Q* : tunes *F* *Vrson*,] *VRSON* : *Q* :
Vrson *F* Beare-ward,] Beareward *Q* 146 Ropes,] ropes,
Q : Ropes *F* 147 undertake,] vndertake : *Q* element,
Q : element *F* 148 is, *Q* : is *F* 149 *Antick-mask* ;]
Antick Masque : *Q* : *Antickmask* ; *F* 151 Buttry, *Q* : Buttry
F reward,] reward ; *Q* 152 with discredit *not in Q* 154 venture]
venter *Q*

N O T. For that, sir, the Bear-ward hath put in securitie,
by warranting my Ladie and her Women to dance the whole
changes with them in safety ; and for their abusing the
place, you shall not need to feare, for he hath given them a 160
kinde of Dyet-bread, to binde them to their good behaviour.

G R O. Well, let them come ; if you need one, Ile helpe
you my selfe.

Enter John Urson with his Beares singing.

Ballad.

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T Hough it may seeme rude
For me to intrude,
With these my Beares by chance-a ;
'Twere sport for a King,
If they could sing
As well as they can dance-a.

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Then to put you out
Of feare or doubt,
We came from St. Katharin-a ;
These dancing three,
By the helpe of mee,
Who am the Post of the signe-a.

175

We sell good ware,
And we need not care
Though Court, and Country knew it :
Our Ale's o' the best,
And each good guest
Prayes for their souls that brew it.

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For any Ale-house,
We care not a lowse,
Nor Taverne in all the Towne-a ;

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157 that, Q : that F 160 place, Q : place F 161 -bread,
Q : bread F them to] them, to Q 164-5 Enter . . . Ballad] The
Dance Q 165-225 The Ballad is not in Q 171 dance-a.] dance-a
F 177 signe-a.] signe-a F

*Nor the Vintry Cranes,
Nor St. Clements Danes,
Nor the Devill can put us down-a.*

- 190 *Who has once there beene,
Comes thither agen,
The liquour is so mighty ;
Beere strong and stale,
And so is our Ale,*
- 195 *And it burnes like Aquavitæ.*
- To a stranger there,
If any appeare,
Where never before he has bin ;
We shew th'yr on Gate,*
- 200 *The wheele of St. Kate,
And the place where the Priest fel in.*
- The Wives of Wapping,
They trudge to our tapping,
And still our Ale desire ;*
- 205 *And there sit and drinke,
Till the(y) spue, and stinke,
And often pisse out our fire.*
- From morning to night,
And about to day-light,*
- 210 *They sit and never grudge it ;
Till the Fish-wives joyne
Their single coyne,
And the Tinker pawnes his budget.*
- If their braines be not well,
Or their bladders doe swell,*
- 215 *To ease them of their burden ;
My Ladie will come
With a bowle and a broome,
And her Hand-mayd with a Iorden.*

From Court we invite 220
 Lord, Ladie, and knight ;
 Squire, gentl(e)man, yeoman and groom.
 And all our stiffe drinkers,
 Smiths, Porters, and Tinkers,
 And the beggars shall give ye roome. 225

V A N. How like you ? how like you ?

G R O. Excellent ! The Beares have done learnedly, and sweetly.

V A N. Tis no ting, tis no ting ; vill you see some ting ? Ick sall bring in de <groat> Turkschen, met all zin Bashawes, ²³⁰ and zin dirty towland Yanitsaries, met all zin Whoomen, Cunuken, all met an andei, de Sofie van Persia, de Tartar Cham, met de groat King of Mogull, and make deir men, and deir horse, and deir Elephanten be seene fight in de apye, and be all killen, and aliben ! and no sush ting. And all dis, met de Ars van de ²³⁵ Catropricks, by de reflexhie van de glassen.

N O T. Oh, he is an admirable Artist.

S L V G. And a halfe, sir.

G R O. But where will he place his glasses ?

V A N. How, dat is all ean ! as it be two, drie, heir, wife ²⁴⁰ thousand Mile off, Ick sall multipliren de vizioun, met an andei secret dat Ick heb : Speeck, vat vil you haben ?

G R O. Good sir, put him to't, bid him doe something that is impossible ; he will undertake it, I warrant you.

N O T. I doe not like the *Mogul*, nor the great *Turke*, nor ²⁴⁵ the *Tartar*, their names are somewhat to big for the Roome ; marry, if he could shew us some Countrey Plaiers, strolling about in severall Shires, without licence from the Office, that would please, I know whom, or some Welsh Pilgrims.

227 Excellent !] Excellaunt Q 229 Tis no ting Q : Tis noting F
 tis no ting ;] tis no ting, Q : tis noting ; F some ting Q : someting F
 230 groat Q (cf. l. 245) 231 Yanitsaries, Q : Yanitsaries F 232
 andei] auder Q, F Cham, Q : Cham F 235 aliben !] aliuen ! Q : aliben, F
 sush Q : such F dis, Q : dis F 238 halfe] halfe F 240 ean !
 Q : ean, F 241 off,] of, Q : off : F multipliren] multiplien W
 242 heb:] heb, Q haben] heben Q 243 sir,] Sir Q : sir F
 to't F3 : toot Q, F 244 it, Q : it F 247 marry] narry Q, F
 247 Plaiers] -plaiers Q 249 please, Q : please F whom, or]
 whom. NOT. Or Q (a one-line speech of the Groom has probably been lost)

250 V A N. Pilgrim? now you talke of de Pilgrim, it come in my head, Ick will shew you all de whole brabe pilgrim o' de Wold: de Pilgrim dat goe now, now at de instant, two, die towmand Mile to de great Mahomet, at de Mecha, or here, dere, ebery where, make de fine Labprints, and shew all de brabe error in de wold.

255 S L V G. And shall we see it here?

V A N. Hau, here, here, here in dis Roome, dis very Roome: bel, bat is dat to you, if Ick doe de ting? bat an Dibell, vera boten Dibell?

G R O. Nay, good sir, be not angry.

260 N O T. 'Tis a disease that followes all excellent men, they cannot governe their passions; but let him alone, try him one bout.

G R O. I would try him, but what has all this to doe with our Maske?

265 V A N. **Q** Sir, all de better, voi an Antick-maske, de more absurd it be, and brom de purpose, it be eber all de better. It it goe from de Nature of de ting, it is de more Art: for deare is Art, and deare is Nature; you shall see. Hochos-pochos, Paucos Palabros.

(a) Artes eximias quatuor Apollini acceptas tulit antiquitas.
(b) Sagittandi peritiam, unde apud Homerum, frequens illud Epitheton ἐκρηβόλος, longe jaculans.
(c) Medicinam, unde Medici nomen adeptus.
(d) Musicam, unde μουσική γένος appellatus.

The Second Antimaske.

Which was a perplex'd Dance of straying, and deform'd Pilgrims, taking seuerall pathes, till with the opening of the light above, and breaking forth of Apollo, they were all frighted away, and the Maine Masque begun.

(a) A P O L L O descending sung.

IT is no dreame, you all doe wake, and see;
Behold, who comes! (b) far-shooting Phœbus, he
That can both hurt, and (c) heale; and with his (d) voyce
Reare Townes, and make societies rejoyce;

250-2 you F: you Q (so 268) 252 die] bree Q 256 VAN. Q: NAN. F
dis very Q: tis very F 257 bel, Q: bel F you, Q: you F
Dibell... Dibell] Diuell... Deuell Q: debill... debill F 259 sir,] Sir Q:
Sir F 261 passions,] passions, Q 262 bout Q: 'bout F 265 better, Q:
better F 267 Nature] nature Q: nature F more Art:] more art, Q Art,
Q: Art, F 268 Nature; Q: Nature, F -pochos,] -pochos. Q Paucos]
Fabros Q: Paucos, F 270 Antimaske] Antimasque Q 271 straying,
... Pilgrims, Q: straying ... Pilgrims F 273 were] are Q 274 begun]
begins Q 275 descending] descending, Q, F sung] Sung F: sings Q
275 note 'a' antiquitas.] antiquitas F 276 The songs from this point
to the end of the Masque are printed in roman in Q, in italic in F 277
Phœbus,] PHOEBVS, Q: Phœbus F 277 note 'b' peritiam] peretiam F
ἐκρηβόλος] ἐκρηβόλος F 278 hurt,] hurt, Q: hurt F

That taught the Muses all their harmonie,

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(*) And men the tunefull Art of Augurie.

Apollo stoopes : and, when a God descends,

May Mortalls thinke he hath no vulgar ends.

(*) Et Divinationem (in qua etiam Augurium) unde Augur Apollo dictus. Virg.

Aeneid. lib. 4. & Horat. Car. lib. 1. Ode. 2. Nube ca(n) dentes humeros amictus Augur Apollo. Et Car. sæcul. ult. ubi doctissimus Poeta has artes totidem versibus complectitur. Augur & fulgente decorus arcu Phæbus, acceptusque novem Camænis, Qui salutar levat arte fessos Corporis artus.

Being neere the earth, he call'd these persons following, who
came forth, as from their Tombes.

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(^f) **L**Inus, and (^g) Orpheus, (^h) Branchus, (ⁱ) Idmon, all
My sacred Sons, rise, at your Fathers call,

(^f) Linus Apollinis & Tersichores filius. Paus.

From your immortall Graves ; where sleepe, not death,
Yet bindes your powers.

(^g) Orpheus, Apollinis & Calliopes, de quibus Virg. in Eclogâ 4.)

L I N U S.

290

Here.

O R P H E U S.

Here.

B R A N C H U S.

What sacred breath

295

Doth re-inspire us ?

I D M O N.

Who is this we feele ?

(^h) Branchus, Apollinis & Jances filius,

de quo vid. Strab. lib. 4. & Statium, Thebaid. lib. 3—*patrioque æqualis honori Branchus.* (ⁱ) Idmon, Apollinis & Asteris filius. De illo vid. Valer. Flac. lib. 1. Argonautic.—*Contra Phæb(e)us Idmon Non pallore viris, non ullo horrore comarum Terrib(i)lis, plenus fatis, Phæboque quieto, Cui genitor tribuit (monitu) prænosceret Divum Omina, seu flammæ, seu lubrica cominus exta, Seu plenum certis interroget acra pennis.*

280 harmonie.] harmony ; Q 281 Augurie.] Augury ; Q note 'e' in quâ in qua F candentes W acceptusque F3 : acceptus que I' Camænis] camænis F Corporis] corporis F 282 stoopes : and.] stoopes : and, Q : stoopes, and F 284 call'd] calls Q 285 came] come Q forth, Q : forth F 286 note 'f' Apollinis F3 286 note 'g' Virg.] Virg, F in Eclogâ 4. scripsit Editor : in Eclogâ inscript. F : query, 'in Eclogâ iv. scripsit' in Jonson's MS. vincet] vincet, F Thræcius G : Thræcius F Orpheus.] Orpheus. F adsit.] adsit F Calliopea.] Calliopea F 286 note 'h' lib. 14. Editor Jances corr. F : Jances F originally : the name, even in the corrected form, is doubtful. patrioque . . . Branchus in roman type in F 286 note 'i' De illo F3 Deillo F Valer. corr. F : valer. F originally Phæbeius editor Non] non F viris.] viris F horrore G : honore] F Terribilis.] terribilis F, F3 quieto, Cui] quieto cui F monitu G flammæ] Flammæ F exta, Seu] exta seu F æra F3 : oëra F 287 rise, . . . call, Q : rise . . . call F 288 Graves.] graues, Q 295 sacred] sac red F 296 us ?] vs ! Q 298 feelee ?] feelee ! Q

(*) Phæmonoe
filia Phœbi,
quæ prima
carmen heroi-
cum cecinit.
Hesiod. in
Theog.

(*) P H O E M O N O E.

What heat creeps through me, as when burning steele
Is dipt in water ?

A P O L L O.

I, *Phæmonoe*,

Thy Father *Phæbus* fury filleth thee ;
305 Confesse my Godhead ; once againe I call,
Let whole *Apollo* enter in you all,
And follow me.

C H O R V S.

We flie, we doe not tread,
310 The Gods doe use to ravish whom they lead.

A P O L L O, descended, shewed them where the *King* sate,
and sung forward.

Behold the love and care of all the Gods,
315 〈*King*〉 of the Ocean, and the happie Iles ;
That whilst the World about him is at ods,
Sits Crowned Lord here of himselfe, and smiles.—

C H O R V S.

To see the erring mazes of mankinde ;
Who seeke for that, doth punish them to finde.

320 Then he advanced with them to the King.

A P O L L O.

Prince of thy Peace, see what it is to love
The Powers above !
Jove hath commanded me
325 To visit thee ;

299 note 'k' Phæmonoe] Phæmon F Phæbi,] Phæbi F 301
water?] water! Q 302 APOLLO. [I Q: Apollo. I F 303 Phæmonoe]
PHOEMONOE Q: Phæmonoe F 304 Phæbus] PHAEBVS's Q: Phæbus's F
311-12 St. *div. italic in Q, F* 311 APOLLO, Q: Apollo F shewed]
shewes Q sate] sits Q 312 sung] sings Q 313 Gods,]
Gods, Q: Gods F 314 King of] King of Q: Of F Iles ;] Iles,
Q 316 Crowned] crowned Q smiles.— Q: smiles. F
318 mankinde ;] Mankind, Q 320 St. *div. italic in Q, F* ad-
vanced] advanceth Q

And in thine honour with my ⁽¹⁾ Musique reare

^(m) a Colledge here,

Of tunefull Augures, whose divining skill
shall waite thee still,

And be the Heralds of his highest will.

The worke is done,

And I have made their President thy Sonne.

Great Mars too, on these nights,

⁽ⁿ⁾ hath added Salian rites.

Yond, yond afarre,

They closed in their ^(o) Temple are,

And each one guided by a starre.

CHORVS.

Haste, haste, to meet them, and as they advance,

'twixt every Dance,

Let us interpret their Prophetick trance.

& Augures ibi instituit, ipse nobilis, ut apud Liu. Lib. 1. & Tull. <De Divin.> lib. 1. Optimus Augur. Eorum officium fuit auspicia capere & ex his colligere signa futurarum rerum, Deorumq; monita considerare de eventibus prosperis vel adversis. Sacra erat Romanis & res regia habita, dignitasq; penes patricos & principes viros mansit, etiam apud Imperatores obtinuit, unde ab Apolline nostro talis Præses pulchrè designatus. ⁽ⁿ⁾ Saltationes in rebus sacris adhibebantur apud omnes pæne gentes: & à saltando, seu saltatione sacrâ ad saluare carmen institutâ, Salij dicti & Marti consecrati. Omnes etiam qui ad cantum & tibiam ludebant, Salij & Salisubsuli dicebantur. Salius, ὑμῳδός, vet. gloss, & Pacuvi. Pro Imperio sic Salisubsulus vestro excubet Mars. & Virg. Æneid lib. 8. Tum Salij ad Cantus incensa altaria circum Populeis adsunt evincti tempora ramis. ^(o) Auguria captaturi cælum eligeant purum & serenum, aereq; nitido. Lætum (qui erat baculus incurvus, Augurale Signum) manu tenebat Augur. Eo cæli regiones designabat, & metas intra quas contineri debebant Auguria: & hæ vocabantur Tempa: unde Contemplatio dicta est Consideratio, & meditatio rerum sacrarum, ut dextrum sinistramq; latus observaret. In impetrato sibi ipse regiones designabat; in oblativo manu suam respexit lævam aut dextram. Regiones ab Oriente in occasum terminabat limite decumano, & cardine ex tran(s)verso signo metato, quo oculi ferrent quam longissime. Antica in Ortum vergebat. Postica regio à Tergo ad occasum. Dextra ad meridiem. Sinistra ad septentrionem. Observationes fiebant Augure sedente, capite velato, togâ duplici Augurali candidâ amictu, à mediâ nocte ad mediâ diem, crescente, non deficiente die. Neq; captabantur Auguria post mensem Julium, præterea quod Aves redderentur imbecilliores & morbidæ, Pulliq; eorum essent imperfecti.

326 note 'l' canore W: cavore F 327 note 'm' Hetruscas Editor: Hetruscos F Itaham,] Itaham F Romulus,] Romulus F nobilis W: nobiles F De Divin. Editor Optimus Augur. italic in F Sacra] Sacer F mansit,] mansit F obtinuit,] obtinuit F nostro talis] nostro, tales F designatus,] designatus F 328 skill,] skill Q: skill, F 332 Sonne,] Sonne. Q: Sonne; F 334 note 'n' adhibebantur F3: adhibebantur F pæne] pene F sacrâ] sacra F ludebant,] ludebant F ὑμῳδός,] ὑμῳδός F Pro... Mars in italic in F Tum... ramis. in italic in F Populeis] populeis F 336 note 'o' nitido.] nitido F incurvus,] incurvus F Contemplatio dicta W: Contemplatio dicti F impetratio] impetratio F sibi ipse W: sibi ipso F oblativo Editor oculi F3: oculi F Antica W Artica F vergebat.] vergebat F occasum] occasum F togâ... candidâ] toga... candida F crescente,] crescente F imbecilliores] imbecilliores F, F3 339 advance,] advancee F 340 Dance,] dance, Q: Dance; F

(1) Allusio ad illud Ovid. Epistol. Epist. Parid. Iliou aspicias, firmataq; turribus altis Mœnia Apollineæ structa canore lyra. (m) Augurandi scientia nobilis erat & antiqua, apud Gentes præsertim Hetruscas: quibus erat Collegium & Domicilium celeberrimum Augurum, quorum summe fuit Auctoritas & Dignitas per totam Itaham, potissimum Romæ. Romulus, urbe condita, Collegium

Here they fetch'd out the Maskers, and came before them
with the Torch-bearers along the Stage, singing
this full Song.

345

A P O L L O and C H O R U S.

(v) Augurandi 350
scientia opido-
pauvrela dicta.
Divinatio per
aves. Aves
aut Oscines,
aut Præpetes.
Oscines, quæ
ore, Præpetes,
quæ volatu 355
Augurium
significant.
Pulli tripudio.
Aves auspi-
cata, & Præ-
petes, Aquila,
Vultur, San-
qualis seu ossi-
fraga, Tri-
orchas, sive
Buteo, Immus- 360
sulus, Accipi-
ter, Cygnus,
Columba.
Oscines, Cor-
nix, Corvus,
Anser, Ci-
conia, Ardea,
Noctua; in-
auspicata,
Milvus, Parra,
Nyticorax,
Striges, Hir-
undo, Picus,
&c.

Which way, and whence the lightning flew,
Or how it burned, bright, and blew,
Designe, and figure by your lights :
Then forth, and shew the severall flights
Your (P) Birds have made, or what the wing,
Or voyce in Augurie doth bring.
Which hand the Crow cried on, how high
The Vulture, or the Erne did flie,
What wing the Swan made, and the Dove,
The Storke, and which did get above :
Shew all the Birds of food or Prey,
But passe by the unluckie Fay,
The Night-Crow, Swallow, or the Kite,
Let those have neither right,

C H O R.

Nor part,
In this nights art.

The Torch-bearers daunced.

After which the Augures layd by their Staves, and danced
365 their Entrie, which done, A P O L L O and the rest
interpreted the Augurie.

342-4 *Italic type in Q* 342 fetch'd] fetch Q came] come Q
345 and Q: and F 350 note 'p' aut Præpetes.] aut Præpetes F
Præpetes, quæ] Præpetes, quæ F Triorches Editor: Triorches F
Columba.] Columba, F Corvus W: Cornus F (a minim error:
Jonson wrote 'Coruus') Noctua; inauspicatæ] Noctua, inauspicatæ;
F Striges should be Strix 350 wing.] wing, Q: wing F 353
Erne] Hern F3 356 Prey,] pray. Q 358 Kite,] Kite, Q: Kite F
359 right] rite Q 360 Chor. not in Q 363 The italic in Q, F
daunced] Dance Q: daunced F 364-6 italicized in Q 364
layd] lay Q danced] dance Q: Danced F 365 Entrie, which] Entry.
Which Q rest] rest Q: rest, F 366 interpreted] interpret Q

APOLLO.

The Signes are (⁹) luckie all, and (⁹) right,
There hath not beene a voyce, or flight
Of ill Presage.

LINUS.

The (ᵀ) bird that brings
Her Augurie alone to Kings,
The Dove, hath flowne.

ORPHEUS.

And to thy peace
(Addes) Fortunes, and the Fates increase.

BRANCHUS.

(⁸) Minerva's Hernshaw, and her Owle,
Doe both proclaime, thou shalt controule
The course of things,

IDMON.

As now they be,
With tumult carried :

APOLLO.

And live free
From hatred, faction, or the feare
To blast the Olive thou dost weare.

CHORVS.

More is behind, which these doe long to show,
And what the Gods to so great vertue owe.

(⁹) Habebant
dextra & lava
omnia ; antea
& postica ;
Orientalia &
Occidentalita.
Græci cum se
ad Septentrio-
nem obuer-
terent, Ortum
ad dextram
habuere.
Romani cum
Meridiem in
auspicando
contuerentur,
Ortum ad
lavam habuere.
Itaq; sinistra
partes eadem
sunt Romanis
quæ Græcis
dextræ ad
ortum. Sini-
stra igitur illis
meliora,
Dextra pejora:
Græcis contrâ.
Sinistra, per-
tinentia ad
ortum : Salu-
taria, quæ(a)
ortus lucis
index & auctor.
Dextra, quia
spectant oc-
casum, tristitia.
(ᵀ) Columbæ
auguria non
nisi regibus
dant ; quia
nunquam
singulæ volant:
sicut Rex nun-
quam solus
incedit.
Nuntia pacis.
(⁸) Ardea, &
Ardeola, rerum
arduarum aus-
piciū.
Minervæ sacra.
Apud Homer.
[Iliad. K. δειὸς
ἐπαυδιός

368 right,] right, Q: right F 368 note 'q' Romani cum] Romani
W contuerentur, Editor: cum tuerentur F: tuerentur W eadem]
eadem F quia ortus G occasum,] occasum F 369 beene] bin Q
370 Presage. | LINVS. | The] | presage. | LINVS. | The Q: Presage.
Linus. The F 373 Kings,] Kings, Q: Kings F 374 flowne.
ORPHEUS. | And] flowne. | ORPHEVS. | And Q: flowne. Orpheus. And F
377 Addes] Addes Q Fortunes,] Fortunes, Q: Fortunes F 379
note 's' δειὸς ἐπαυδιός Editor: δειὴ ἐπαυδιός F 381 things, |
IDMON. | As] things, | IDMON. | As Q: things. Idmon. As F 383
be,] be, Q: be F 384 carried: | APOLLO. | And] carried: | APOLLO. |
And Q: carried: Apollo. And F 387 feare] feare Q: feare, F
390 behind,] behind Q

The maine Daunce.

CHORUS.

(⁴) *Auspicium*,
ab ave spec-
ienda. Paul. 395
Nam quod nos
cum præposi-
tione dicimus
ASPICIO,
apud veteres
sine præposi-
tione
SPICIO
dicebatur.
 (⁴) *Signa* 400
quæ sese offer-
<r>ent, era<n>t
multifaria :
nam si obji-
ceretur avis
aliqua, con-
siderabatur
quo volatu
ferretur, an 405
obliquo, vel
prono, vel
supino motu
Corporis, quo
flecteret, con-
torqueret, aut
contraheret
membra ; qua
in parte se oc-
cultaret ; an
ad dextram vel
sinistram 410
canerent
Oscines, &c.

Still, still the (⁴) *Auspice is so good,*
We wish it were but understood ;

It even puts Apollo
To all his strengths of art, to follow
 (⁴) *The flights, and to divine*
What's meant by every Signe.

Thou canst not lesse be, then the charge
of every Dietie,
That thus art left here to inlarge,
And shield their pietie !
Thy neighbours at thy fortune long have gaz'd,
But at thy wisdom, all doe stand amaz'd,
And wish to be
O'recome, or governed by thee !
Safetie it selfe so sides thee, where thou go'st,
And Fate still offers what thou covet'st most !

THE REVELLS.

After which, *Apollo* went up to the King, and sung.

Doe not expect to heare of all
Your good at once, lest it forestall
A sweetnesse would be new :
 415 *Some things the Fates would have conceal'd*
From us the Gods, lest, being reveal'd,
Our powers shall envy you.

392 The main Daunce] *The Maine Dance* Q 394 note 't' *ASPICIO*.] *ASPICIO* F 397 *art*.] *art* Q follow] follow Q : follow, F 398 *divine*] *diuine* Q : *devine* F 398 note 'u' *offerrent* Editor *erant* F3 *objiceretur*] *obiceretur* F : *objiceretur* W *obliquo*, F3 : *abliquo* F No line space after 399 in Q 401 *Dietie*.] *Deitie*, Q : *Dietie*. F 405 *amaz'd*.] *amaz'd*, Q : *amaz'd*. F 406 *be*] *be* Q : *be*, F 408 *go'st*] *goest* Q : *goest* F 411 italicized in Q which.] *which*, Q : *which* F went] *goes* Q King.] *King*, Q : *King* F sung.] *sings*, Q : *Sung*. F 416 *lest*, . . . *reveal'd*.] *least* . . . *reveal'd* Q : *lest* . . . *reveal'd* F 417 *shall*] *should* Q

It is enough your people learne
 The reverence of your peace
 As well as Strangers doe discern
 The Glories, by th'increase :
 And that the ^(*) princely Augur here, your Sonne,
 Doe by his Fathers lights his courses run.

420

CHORUS.

Him shall you see triumphing over all
 Both foes, and vices : and your young, and tall
 Nephewes, his Sonnes, grow up in your imbraces,
 To give this Iland Princes in long races.

(*) Romulus
 augur fuit,
 & Numa, &
 reliqui reges
 Romani, sicut
 ante eos
 Turnus,
 Rhamnetes,
 & alij. Lace-
 demonj suis
 regibus Augu-
 rem Asses-
 sorem dabant.
 Cihces, Lycij,
 Cares, Arabes,
 in summa
 veneratione
 habuerunt
 Auguria.

425

Here the heaven opened, and Jove, with the Senate of the
 Gods, were discovered, while Apollo returned to his
 Seat, and ascending sung.

APOLLO.

SEE, heaven expecteth my returne,
 The forked fire begins to burne,
 Jove beckons me to come.

435

JOVE.

Though Phoebus be the god of Arts,
 Hee must not take on him all parts :
 But leave his Father some.

APOLLO.

440

My arts are only to obey.

419 peace] peace; Q 421 th'increase :] th' increase: Q: th'in-
 crease F 422 note 'x' Romani,] Romani F Rhamnetes,] Rham-
 netes F dabant.] dabant, F summa] summa F 422 Augur]
 AVGV R Q Sonne,] Sonne, Q: Sonne F 423 by his] by the Q 426
 foes,] foes, Q: foes F young,] young, Q: young F 427 Sonnes,
 sonnes, Q: Sonnes F 428 Princes] Princes, Q 429-31 itali-
 cized in Q 429 opened] opens Q 430 were] is Q: was G
 returned] returnes Q 431 sung] sings Q 433 SEE,] See, Q:
 SEE F 435 me to] me to Q: to me F 439 Father] Frather F
 441-3 obey. | JOVE. | And] obey, | IOVE. | And Q: obey. JOVE. And F

J O V E.

(*) *Vide Orpheum in hymn. de omnip. Jovis.*

445

(*) *And mine to sway.*

*Jove is that one, whom first, midst, last, you call,
The power that governes, and conserveth all ;
Earth, Sea, and Ayre, are subject to our checke,
And Fate, with Heaven, moving at our beck.*

Till Jove it ratifie,

It is no Augurie,

450

Though utter'd by the mouth of Destinie.

A P O L L O.

Deare Father, give the Signe, and seale it then.

The E A R T H riseth.

It is the suit of Earth, and Men.

455

J O V E.

What doe these Mortals crave without our wrong ?

E A R T H with the rest.

That Jove will lend us this our Sovereaigne, long ;

Let our grand-children, and not wee,

460

His want, or absence ever see.

J O V E.

Your wish is blest.

(*) *Jove knocks his chin against his brest,*

And firmes it with the rest.

(*) *Mos Jovis, annuendo votis & firmandis om(ni)bus, Apud Homer, &c.*

443 *sway.] sway. Q : sway F* 444 *one] One Q call.] call, Q : call F*
 447 *Fate.] Fate, Q : Fate F with Heaven] Heauen Q : heaven F*
 450 *utter'd] vtter'd Q : uttered F* 452 *Father] Father Q : father F*
 453 *EARTH Q : Earth F* 454 *Earth.] EARTH, Q : Earth F*
 456 *these] these Q : their F* 457 *EARTH Q : Earth F*
 458 *Sovereaigne.] Soueraigne, Q : Sovereaigne F* 460 *long.] long. Q*
 463 *want.] want, Q : want F* 463 *absence] absence Q : Absence F*
 note 'z' ominibus G 463 *chin] chin Q : Chin F*

The Masque of Augures.

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CHORUS.

465

*Sing then his fame, through all the orbes ; in even
Proportions, rising still, from Earth to Heaven :
And of the lasting of it leave to doubt,
The power of time shall never put that out.*

This done, the whole Scène shut, and the Maskers 470
danced their last Dance.

The End.

466 orbes .] orbes, Q 470 Scène shut] Scene shuts Q Maskers]
Masquers Q 471 danced.] dance. Q 472 For the concluding
note in the second state of Q see page 625.

**TIME VINDICATED TO HIMSELF
AND TO HIS HONOURS**

THE TEXT

This masque was first printed in quarto when it was performed in 1623. A single copy of this edition has survived and is now in the library of Mr. Carl H. Pforzheimer, to whom we are indebted for our knowledge of the text. The collation is :—A 1 recto, the title-page, with the verso blank ; A-B⁴, C 1, the text. The running title is '*Time Vindicated*'. The masque was reprinted in the Folio of 1640 on signatures N 2 verso to O 4 verso, pages 92-104, of the Masque section.

The Quarto gives some sound readings where the Folio is corrupt. In Fame's opening line it reads 'Giue eare, the worthy, heare what *Time* proclaimes'. The Folio substitutes '*Fame*' for '*Time*', which is certainly a possible reading, but we think it is a printer's alteration. Fame comes from Saturn (l. 20), and the Nosed inquire of her later, 'Well, what is that the *Time* will now exhibite?' (l. 201), and Fame acts as the presenter when Saturn reveals the masquers as the 'glories of the *Time*' (ll. 272 fol.). In line 14 the Quarto supplies the missing question, 'Is it not so?', to the answer of the Nosed, 'We cannot tell'. In line 234 it reads 'I, all disputing of all things they know not', where the later text has 'And all disputing'; the three succeeding lines begin with 'And' and misled the printer. The punctuation follows Jonson's use of the metrical apostrophe, printing without elision 'he'is' (l. 25), 'You're' (l. 27), 'To'exhibite' (l. 40). On this system Jonson probably wrote in line 36 'We need no'interpreter, on, what of *Time*?' and in line 189 'What a confederacie of *Folly*'is here'. The tendency of the printer was either to elide a vowel or to leave out the accent.

The Folio text has a few touches of revision. In line 267 '*Times* corrupted parts' is an obvious correction of the Quarto's 'corrupted part'; and the stage-directions are corrected. In lines 261-3 the order of words is adjusted, but in lines 447-8 there is an addition, 'the whole Scene, being

chang'd to a Wood, out of which he '—i.e. Hippolytus—comes '. Inigo Jones produced the masque, and Jonson, except in this passage, has left out the description of the scenery.

The punctuation of the Folio shows a freer use of the note of exclamation, which is consistent with Jonson's usage, and it brackets line 494 appropriately.

TIME
VINDICATED
TO HIMSELFE,
AND
TO HIS HONORS.

In the presentation at COURT
on *Twelfth night*.
1622.

———qui se mirantur, in illos
Virus habet: nos hac noximus esse nihil.

The title-page of the Quarto, 1622-3

TIME
VINDICATED
TO HIMSELFE,
AND
TO HIS HONORS.

In the presentation at COVRT

on Twelfth night.

1623.

—*qui se mirantur, in illos*
Virus habe : nos hæc novimus esse nihil.

TIME VINDICATED.

A Trumpet sounded.

FAME *entreth, follow'd by the Curious, the Ey'd,*
the Ear'd, and the Nos'd.

FAME. **G**Ive eare, the worthy, heare what *Time* 5
proclaimes.

EARES. What? what? Is't worth our eares?

EIES. Or eyes?

NOSE. . Or noses?

For we are curious, *Fame* : indeed, the *Curious*.

Title-page. 1622 Q : 1623 F 2 A Trumpet . . . *entreth,*] *The*
Court being seated, a Trumpet sounded, and Fame entered G 5 *Time*
Q : *Fame* F 6 Is't] I'st Q, F

- 10 E I E S. We come to spie.
 E A R E S. And hearken.
 N O S E. And smell out.
 F A M E. More then you understand, my hot Inquisitors,
 〈Is it not so ?〉
- 15 N O S E. We cannot tell.
 E I E S. It may be.
 E A R E S. However, goe you on, let us alone.
 E I E S. We may spie out, that, which you never meant.
 N O S E. And nose the thing you sent not. First, whence
 come you ?
- 20 F A M E. I come from *Saturne*.
 E A R E S. *Saturne*, what is he ?
 N O S E. Some Protestant I warrant you, a Time-server,
 As *Fame* her selfe is.
 F A M E. You are neere the right.
- 25 Indeed, he's *Time* it selfe, and his name K R O N O S.
 N O S E. How ! *Saturne* ! *Chronos* ! and the Time it selfe !
 You're found : inough. A notable old *Pagan* !
 E A R E S. One of their Gods, and eates up his owne
 children.
 N O S E. A Fencer, and do's travell with a sith
- 30 In stead of a long-sword.
 E I E S. Hath beene oft call'd from it,
 To be their Lord of misrule.
 E A R E S. As *Cincinnatus*
 Was, from the plough, to be *Dictator*.
- 35 E I E S. Yes.
 We need no interpreter, on, what of *Time* ?
 F A M E. The *Time* hath sent me with my Trumpe to
 summon
 All sorts of persons worthy, to the view

13 then Q : than F Inquisitors,] Inquisitors. Q 14 Is it not
 so ? Q 15 NOSE] NOES F 18 meant] mean't Q, F 19
 come Q : came F 25 he's Q : he is F KRONOS] Chronos W
 26 Chronos] Chronos, Q selfe] selfe. Q 27 You're Q :
 You're F A notable] Anotable F Pagan] Pagan. Q 29
 travell] trauaile Q 30 In stead] in stead Q : 'Stead W 31
 beene] bin Q 32 To] to Q their] theit F 34 Was, Q : Was F

Of some great spectacle he meanes, to night,
To'exhibite, and with all solemnitie.

N O S E. O, we shall have his *Saturnalia*.

E I E S. His dayes of feast, and libertie agen.

E A R E S. Where men might doe, and talke all that they
list.

E I E S. Slaves of their lords.

N O S E. The servants of their masters. 45

E A R E S. And subjects of their Sovereaigne.

F A M E. Not so lavish.

E A R E S. It was a brave time, that !

E I E S. This will be better :

I spie it comming, peace. All the impostures, 50

The prodigies, diseases, and distempers,

The knaveries of the *Time*, we shall see all now.

E A R E S. And heare the passages, and severall humors
Of men, as they are swayd by their affections :

Some grumbling, and some mutining, some scoffing, 55

Some pleas'd, some pyning, at all these we laughing.

N O S E. I have it here, here, strong, the sweat of it,
And the confusion (which I love) I nose it,
It tickles mee.

E I E S. My foure eies itch for it. 60

E A R E S. And my eares tingle, would it would come
forth :

This roome will not receive it.

N O S E. That's the feare.

Enter C H R O N O - M A S T I X.

C H R O N. What ? what ? my friends, will not this roome
receive ? 65

E I E S. That which the *Time* is presently to shew us.

C H R O. The *Time* ? Lo I the man, that hate the time,

39 meanes, Q : meanes F 40 To'exhibite, Q : T'exhibite ; F
45 masters.] masters ! F 48 time.] time Q, F that !] that. Q
49 better :] better. Q 50 peace. All] peace, all Q 57 sweat]
scent W. conj. 62, 65 receive] receau Q 67 time.] time Q, F

That is, that love it not ; and (though in ryme,
I here doe speake it) with this whipp you see,
70 Doe lash the *Time*, and am my selfe lash-free.

F A M E. Who's this ?

E A R E S. 'Tis *Chronomastix*, the brave *Satyre*,

N O S E. The gentleman-like *Satyre*, cares for nobody,
His fore-head tip't with bayes, doe you not know him ?

75 E I E S. Yes, *Fame* must know him, all the Town ad-
mires him.

C H R O. If you would see *Time* quake and shake, but
name us,

It is for that, we're both belov'd, and famous.

E I E S. We know, Sir. But the *Time's* now come about.

E A R E S. And promiseth all libertie.

80 N O S E. Nay, licence.

E I E S. We shall doe what we list.

E A R E S. Talke what we list.

N O S E. And censure whom we list, and how we list.

C H R O. Then I will looke on *Time*, and love the same,
85 And drop my whip : who's this ! my Mistris ! *Fame* !
The lady whom I honour, and adore !

What lucke had I not to see her before !

Pardon me, Madam, more then most accurst,

That did not spie your Ladiship at first,

90 To'have giv'n the stoop, and to salute the skirts
Of her, to whom all Ladies else are flirts !

It is for you, I revell so in rime,

Deare Mistris, not for hope I have the *Time*

Will grow the better by it. To serve *Fame*

95 Is all my end, and get my selfe a name.

F A M E. Away, I know thee not, wretched Impostor,
Creature of glory, Mountebanke of witte,
Selfe-loving Braggart, *Fame* doth sound no trumpet

72, 73 *Satyre*] *Satyre* Q 73 nobody] no body F 75 Yes,]
Yes Q, F 77 we're Q : we are F 78 Sir. But] Sir : but
Q *Time's*] *Time's* Q, F 80 Nay,] Nay Q, F 86
honour] honor Q 88 then Q : than F 90 To'have] To'haue
Q : T'have F 96 Away,] Away Q

To such vaine, empty fooles : 'Tis Infamy
Thou serv'st, and follow'st, scorne of all the *Muses*, 100
Goe revell with thine ignorant admirers,
Let worthy names alone.

C H R O. O, you the *Curious*,
Breath you to see a passage so injurious,
Done with despight, and carried with such tumor 105
'Gainst me, that am so much the friend of rumor ?
(I would say *Fame* ?) whose *Muse* hath rid in rapture
On a soft ambling verse to every capture,
From the strong guard, to the weake childe that reades me,
And wonder both of him that loves, or dread's me ! 110
Who with the lash of my immortall pen
Have scourg'd all sorts of vices, and of men !
Am I rewarded, thus ? have I, I say,
From *Envies* selfe torne praise, and bayes away,
With which my glorious front, and word at large, 115
Triumphs in print at my admirers charge.

E A R E S. Rare ! how he talkes in verse, just as he writes !

C H R O. When have I walk't the streets, but happy he
That had the finger first to point at mee,
Prentice, or Journeyman ! The shop doth know it ! 120
The unletter'd Clarke ! *major* and *minor* Poet !
The Sempster hath sate still as I pass'd by,
And dropt her needle ! Fish-wives staid their cry !
The Boy with buttons, and the Basket wench,
To vent their wares, into my workes do trench ! 125
A pudding-wife, that would despise the Times,
Hath utter'd frequent pen'worths, through my rimes,
And, with them, div'd into the Chamber-maid,
And she unto her Lady hath convey'd
The season'd morsels, who hath sent me pensions, 130
To cherish, and to heighten my inventions.

99 Infamy] infamy Q 106 friend] freind Q 123 cry !] cry ?
F 124 wench,] wench Q : wench ! F 125 wares, Q : wares F
126 -wife, Q : -wife F 127 utter'd] vttered' Q

Well, *Fame* shall know it yet, I have my faction,
 And friends about me, though it please detraction
 To doe me this affront. Come forth that love me,
 135 And now, or never, spight of *Fame*, approve me.

At this the Mutes come in.

THE ANTIMASQUERS.

FAME. How now! what's here? Is hell broke loose?
 EIES. You'll see
 140 That he ha's favourers, *Fame*, and great ones too.
 That unctuous Bounty, is the Bosse of *Belinsgate*,
 EARES. Who feasts his *Muse* with claret wine, and
 oysters,
 NOSE. Growes big with *Satyre*,
 EARES. Goes as long as an Elephant:
 145 EIES. She labours, and lies in of his inventions,
 NOSE. Ha's a male-*poem* in her belly now,
 Big as a colt,
 EARES. That kicks at *Time* already,
 EIES. And is no sooner foald, but will neigh sulphure:
 150 FAME. The next?
 EARES. A *quondam* Justice, that of late
 Hath beene discarded out o'the pack o'the peace,
 For some lewd levitie he holds *in capite*,
 But constantly loves him. In dayes of yorc,
 155 He us'd to give the charge out of his *poems*,
 He carries him about him, in his pocket,
 As *Philip's* Sonne did *Homer*, in a casket,
 And cries, O happy Man, to the wrong party,
 Meaning the *Poet*, where he meant the subject:
 160 FAME. What are this paire?
 EIES. The ragged rascalls?
 FAME. Yes.

133 friends] freinds Q detraction] detractiō, F 136-7 At...
 ANTIMASQUERS] Enter the Mutes for the Antimasque. G 139 see]
 see. Q, F 143 *Satyre*,] *Satyr*, Q: *Satyre*; F 152 beene] bin Q
 out o'] out'o Q 153 in] in Q, F

E I E S. Meere rogues, you'd thinke them rogues, but
they are friends,
One is his Printer in disguise, and keeps
His presse in a hollow tree, where to conceale him, 165
He workes by glow-worme light, the Moone's too open.
The other zealous ragge is the Compositor,
Who in an angle, where the ants inhabite,
(The *emblem's* of his labours) will sit curl'd
Whole dayes, and nights, and worke his eyes out for him. 170

N O S E. Strange arguments of love ! There is a Schoole-
master
Is turning all his workes too, into *Latine*,
To pure *Satyricke Latine* ; makes his Boyes
To learne him ; calls him the times *Juvenal* ;
Hangs all his Schoole with his sharpe sentences ; 175
And o're the Execution place hath painted
Time whipt, for terror to the Infantry.

E I E S. This Man of warre, i' the rere, he is both Trumpet
And Champion to his *Muse*.

E A R E S. For the whole City. 180
N O S E. H'as him by roat, recites him at the tables,
Where he doth governe ; swears him into name,
Upon his word, and sword, for the sole youth
Dares make profession of *Poetick* truth,
Now militant amongst us : To th'incredulous, 185
That dagger is an article he uses,
To rivet his respect into their pates,
And make them faithful. *Fame*, you'l find you've
wrongd him.

F A M E. What a confederacie of *Folly* is here !

*They all daunce but Fame, and make the first Antimasque, 190
in which they adore, and carry forth the Satyre, and the Curious
come up agen.*

163 you'd] you'world Q them] 'em Q 169 emblem's] Emblem's Q
173 *Satyricke*] *Satyricke* Q 178 warre,] warre Q he] He Q, F 182
governe ;] gouern, Q 185 us :] vs. Q 188 faithful.] faithful, Q
you've] you'haue Q: you've F 189 *Folly* is] folly's W here!]
here. Q 190 daunce] daunc e F 191 in which] In which Q, F
191-2 the Satyre . . . agen] *Chrono- mastix*. | After which, the Curious
come up again to Fame G.

- E I E S. Now, *Fame*, how like you this ?
 E A R E S. This falls upon you
 195 For your neglect.
 N O S E. He scornes you, and defies you,
 H'as got a *Fame* on's owne, as well as a Faction.
 E I E S. And these will deifie him, to despite you.
 F A M E. I envie not the *Ἀποθέωσις*.
 200 'Twill prove but deifying of a Pompion.
 N O S E. Well, what is that the *Time* will now exhibite ?
 E I E S. What gambols ? what devises ? what new
 sports ?
 E A R E S. You promis'd us, we should have any thing.
 N O S E. That *Time* would give us all we could imagine.
 205 F A M E. You might imagine so, I never promis'd it.
 E I E S. Pox, then 'tis nothing. I had now a fancie
 We might have talk'd o'the King.
 E A R E S. Or State.
 N O S E. Or all the World.
 210 E I E S. Censur'd the Counsell, ere they censure us.
 E A R E S. We doe it in *Pauls*.
 N O S E. Yes, and in all the tavernes !
 F A M E. A comely licence. They that censure those
 They ought to reverence, meet they that old curse,
 215 To beg their bread, and feele eternall Winter.
 Ther(e)'s difference 'twixt liberty, and licence.
 N O S E. Why, if it be not that, let it be this then
 (For since you grant us freedome, we will hold it.)
 Let's have the giddy world turn'd the heeles upward,
 220 And sing a rare blacke *Sanctus*, on his head,
 Of all things out of order.
 E I E S. No, the Man
 I'the Moone daunce a *Corranto*, his bush
 At's backe, a fire ; and his dogge piping *Lachrimæ*.
 225 E A R E S. Or let's have all the people in an uprore,
 None knowing, why, or to what end : and in
- 193 Now,] Now Q, F 199 Ἀποθέωσις] Αποθέωσις Q 208
 EARES] EARSE Q 210 ere] e're Q, F 212 tavernes!] tauernes. Q
 217 Why,] Why Q, F

The midd'st of all, start up an old mad woman
Preaching of patience.

N O S E. No, no, I'd ha' this.

E I E S. What? 230

F A M E. Anything.

N O S E. That could be monstrous :
Enough, I meane. A *Babel* of wild humours.

E A R E S. I, all disputing of all things they know not,

E I E S. And talking of all men they never heard of, 235

E A R E S. And all together by the eares o' the sudden,

E I E S. And, when the matter is at hottest, then

All fall asleepe.

F A M E. Agree among your selves,
And what it is you'd have, I'll answer you. 240

E I E S. O, that we shall never doe.

E A R E S. No, never agree.

N O S E. Not upon what. Something that is unlawfull.

E A R E S. I, or unreasonable.

E I E S. Or impossible. 245

N O S E. Let 't be uncivill enough, you hit us right.

E A R E S. And a great noyse.

E I E S. To little, or no purpose.

N O S E. And if there be some mischief, 'twill become it.

E I E S. But see, there be no cause, as you will answer it. 250

F A M E. These are meere Monsters.

N O S E. I, all the better.

F A M E. You doe abuse the *Time*. These are fit free-
domes

For lawlesse Prentices, on a Shrove tuesday,
When they compell the *Time* to serve their riot : 255

For drunken Wakes, and strutting Beare-baytings,
That savour only of their owne abuses.

E I E S. Why, if not those, then something to make sport.

229 this.] this, Q 234 I, Q: And F (*picked up from the ' And ' of ll. 235-7*) 238 asleepe] a sleepe Q 240 you'd] you'd Q
244 EARES.] EARES Q 245 EIES.] EIES Q 253 Time. These]
Time, these Q 254 Shrove tuesday] Shrouetuesday Q: Shrove-
tuesday F 255 riot: Q: riot. F 257 savour] sauror Q

E A R E S. Wee only hunt for novelty, not truth.

260 F A M E. I'll fit you, though the *Time* faintly permit it.

The second Antimasque of Tumblers, and Juglers, brought in by the Cat and fiddle, who make sport with the Curious, and drive them away.

F A M E. Why, now they are kindly us'd, like such spectators,

265 That know not what they would have. Commonly,
The curious are ill-natur'd, and like flies,
Seeke *Times* corrupted parts to blow upon :
But may the sound ones live with fame, and honour,
Free from the molestation of these Insects :
270 Who being fled, *Fame* now persues her errand.

Loud M V S I Q U E.

To which the whole Scene opens, where Saturne sitting with Venus is discover'd above, and certaine Votaries comming forth below, which are the Chorus.

275 F A M E. For you, great King, to whom the *Time* doth owe

All his respects, and reverence, behold
How *Saturne*, urged at request of *Love*,
Prepares the object to the place to night.
Within yond' darknesse, *Venus* hath found out

280 That *Hecate* (as she is Queene of shades)
Keepes certaine glories of the *Time* obscur'd,
There, for her selfe alone to gaze upon,
As she did once the faire *Endimion*.
These, *Time* hath promis'd at *Loves* suit to free,
285 As being fitter to adorne the age,
By you restor'd on earth, most like his owne :
And fill this world of beautie here, your Court.

261-3 *Juglers, . . . away.] Juglers, who abuse the Curious, and drive them away : led in by the Cat and fiddle. Q* 264 *Why,] Why Q, F*
266 *ill-natur'd] ill natur'd Q, F* 267 *parts] part Q* 270
persues] pursues Q 283 *Endimion] Endymion W*

To which his bountie, see, how men prepare
To fit their votes below, and thronging come
With longing passion to enjoy th'effect ! 290
Harke, it is *Love* begins to *Time*. Expect.

V E N U S.

*Beside, that it is done for Love,
It is a worke, great Time, will prove
Thy honour, as mens hopes above.* 295

S A T U R N E.

*If Love be pleased, so am I :
For Time could never yet deny
What Love did aske, if Love knew why.*

V O T A R I E S.

300

*Shee knew, and hath exprest it now.
And so doth every publike vow
That heard her why, and waites thy how.*

S A T U R N E.

*You shall not long expect ; with ease 305
The things come forth, are borne to please :
Looke, have you seene such lights as these ?*

The *Masquers* are discovered, and that, which obscur'd
them, vanisheth.

V O T A R I E S.

310

These, these must sure some wonders bee !

C H O R U S.

*O, what a glory 'tis to see
Mens wishes, Time, and Love agree ! {A Pause.*

291 *Music.* add G 292 VENUS] VENVS Q: VENUS F 295
honour] honor Q 301 now.] now, Q 305 expect ; Q: expect :
F 306 please] pleass F 308 that, Q: that F 311 these]
These Q 314 Time... Love] Time... Loue Q agree ! Q: agree F
Pause.] pause. Q: Pause F

315 There SATVRNE and VENVS passe away,
and the Masquers descend.

CHORUS.

What grieve, or envie had it beene,
That these, and such had not beene seene,
320 But still obscur'd in shade !
Who are the glories of the Time,
Of youth, and feature too, the prime,
And for the light were made !

VOTARIES.

325 1 Their very number, how it takes !
2 What harmony their presence makes !
3 How they inflame the place !

CHORVS.

Now they are neerer seene, and viewd;
330 For whom could Love have better su'd ?
Or Time have done the grace ?

Here, to a loud Musique, they march into their figure, and
daunce their ENT RY, or first DAV NCE.

After which.

VENUS.

335 The night could not these glories misse,
Good Time, I hope, is ta'ne with this.

SATURNE.

If Time were not, I'am sure Love is.
340 Betweene us it shall be no strife :
For now 'tis Love, gives Time his life.

316 descend] descend Q 319 beene] bin Q 320 But] but Q
321 Time] Time Q 323 made !] made ? Q 330 Love] Loue Q
331 Or Time] or Time Q 332 Here, to] Here to Q : Hereto F
figure.] figure. F 334 After which. italic type in Q, F 337
Time] Time Q (so 339, 341, 343, 375, 394) 339 Love] Loue Q (so
341, 343, 354, 377, 385)

VOTARIES.

*Let Time then so with Love conspire,
As straight be sent into the court
A little Cupid, arm'd with fire,* 345
*Attended by a jocund Sport,
To breed delight, and a desire
Of being delighted, in the nobler sort.*

SATURNE.

The wish is crown'd, as soone as made. 350

VOTARIES.

*And CUPID conquers, ere he doth invade.
His victories of lightest trouble prove.
For there is never labour, where is Love.*

Then, follows the maine *D A V N C E*, which done, 355
C V P I D, with the *S P O R T*, goes out.

CUPID. {To the Masquers.

*Take breath awhile, young Blouds, to bring
Your forces up, whilst we goe sing
Fresh charges, to the Beauties here.* 360

S P O R T.

*Or, if they charge you, doe not feare,
Though they be better arm'd then you :
It is but standing the first view,
And then they yeeld.* 365

CUPID.

Or quit the field.

S P O R T.

*Nay, that they'l never doe.
They'l rather fall upon the place,* 370
Then suffer such disgrace.

344 As] as Q, F straight] strait Q 346 Sport] Sport Q (so 377,
405) 348 Of] of Q, F delighted.] delighted Q 352 ere] e're
Q, F 356 goes out] i.e., at l. 444: comes forward G 358 young]

*You are but Men at best, they say,
And they from those ne're ran away.*

{Pause.

C U [I] P I D.

{To the King.

375 *You, Sir, that are the Lord of Time,
Receive it not as any crime
'Gainst Majesty, that Love and Sport
To night have entred in your Court.*

S P O R T.

380 *Sir, doubt him more of some surprise
Vpon your selfe. He hath his eyes.
You are the noblest object here,
And 'tis for you alone I feare :
For here are Ladyes, that would give
385 A brave reward, to make Love live
Well, all his life, for such a draught.
And therefore, looke to every shaft,
The Wag's a Deacon in his craft.*

{Pause.

C U P I D.

{To the Lords.

390 *My Lords, the Honors of the Crowne,
Put off your sowrenesse, doe not frowne,
Bid cares depart, and businesse hence :
A little, for the Time dispence.*

S P O R T.

395 *Trust nothing that the Boy lets fall,
My Lords, he hath plots upon you all.
A Pensioner unto your wives,
To keepe you in uxorious gives,
And so your sense to fascinate,
400 To make you quit all thought of state,
His amorous questions to debate.
But, heare his Logicke, he will prove
There is no businesse, but to be in love.*

CUPID.

The words of Sport, my Lords, and course. 405
 {Pause. *Your Ladyes yet, will not thinke worse {To the Ladies.*
Of Love for this : they shall command
My Bow, my Quiver, and my Hand.

SPORT.

What, here to stand 410
And kill the Flies ?
Alas, thy service they despise.
One Beauty here, hath, in her eyes,
More shafts then from thy bow e're flew,
Or that poore quiver knew. 415
These Dames,
They need not Love's, they'have Natures flames.

CUPID.

I see the Beauty, that you so report.

SPORT.

420
Cupid, you must not point in Court,
Where live so many of a sort.
Of Harmony these learn'd their speech,
The Graces did them footing teach,
And, at the old Idalian bralls, 425
They daunc'd your Mother downe. Shee calls.

CUPID.

Arme, arme then all.

SPORT.

Young blouds, come on, 430
And charge : Let every man take one.

406 Pause.] Pause Q 407 Love] loue Q this : they] this., They Q
 411 And] and Q, F 413 hath.] hath Q, F 414 e're] ere Q 416
 Dames.] Dames Q 417 they'have] they'haue Q : they have F 419
 the] that Q 423 Harmony] Harmony Q 424 Graces] Graces Q
 426 downe. Shee] downe, shee Q 430 blouds.] Bloods Q : blouds F

CUPID.

And try his fate.

SPORT.

435

*These are faire warres,
And will be carried without scarres.*

CUPID.

*A joyning, but of feet, and hands,
Is all the Time, and Love commands.*

440

SPORT.

*Or if you doe their gloves off-strip,
Or taste the Nectar of the lip :
See, so you temper your desires,
For kisses, that yee sucke not fires.*

445 The *REVELS* follow, which ended, the *CHORVS* appeare agen, and *DIANA* descends to *HIPPOLITUS*, the whole Scene being chang'd to a Wood, out of which he comes.

CHORUS.

450

*The Courtly strife is done, it should appeare,
Betweene the Youths, and Beauties of the yeare,
Wee hope that now these lights will know their spheare,
And strive hereafter to shine ever here :
Like brightest Planets, still to move
In th'eye of Time, and orbes of Love.*

455

DIANA.

Hippolitus, Hippolitus.

HIPPOLITUS.

Diana ?

435 *warres*, Q : *warres*. F 438 *hands*, Q : *hands*. F 439
Time . . . Love] Time . . . Love Q (so 455, 468) 441 *off-strip*,]
off strip Q : *off-strip*. F 446 *HIPPOLITUS*.] *HIPPOLITVS*. Q 447-8
the whole . . . comes not in Q 457 *Hippolitus, Hippolitus*] *Hip-*
politus, Hippolitus Q 459 *Diana*] *Diana* Q

DIANA.

460

Shee.

*Be ready you, or Cephalus,
To waite on me.*

HIPPOLITUS.

Wee ever be.

465

DIANA.

*Your Goddesse hath beene wrong'd to night,
By Loves report unto the Time.*

HIPPOLITUS.

*The injury, it selfe will right,
Which only Fame hath made a crime.*

470

*For Time is wise,
And hath his eares as perfect as his eyes.*

SATURNE.

Who's that descends ? Diana ?

475

VOTARIES.

Yes.

VENUS.

Bylike her troope shee hath begun to misse.

SATURNE.

480

Let's meet, and question what her errand is.

HIPPOLITUS.

*Shee will prevent thee, Saturne, not t(o)'excuse
Her-selfe unto thee, rather to complaine
That thou and Venus both should so abuse
The name of Dian, as to entertaine*

485

462 *Be ready*] *Beready* F *Cephalus*] *CEPHALUS* Q 467 *beene*] *bin* Q
470 *injury*] *iniury* Q *right*] *right* Q 471 *Fame*] *Fame* Q
472 *Time*] *Time* Q 479 *Bylike*] *By like* Q, F

A thought, that she had purpose to defraud
 The Time, of any glories that were his :
 To doe Time honour rather, and applaud
 490 His worth, hath beene her study.

D I A N A.

And it is.
 I call'd these Youths forth, in their bloud, and prime
 (Out of the honour, that I bore their parts)
 495 To make them fitter so to serve the Time
 By labour, riding, and those ancient arts,
 That first enabled men unto the warres,
 And furnish'd Heaven with so many Starres :

H I P P O L I T U S.

500 As Perseus, Castor, Pollux, and the rest,
 Who were of Hunters first, of Men the best ;
 Whose shades doe yet remaine within yond' groves,
 Themselves there sporting with their nobler loves :

D I A N A.

505 And so may these doe, if the Time give leave.

S A T U R N E.

Chast Dians purpose we doe now conceive,
 And yeeld thereto.

V E N U S.

510 And so doth Love.

V O T A R I E S.

All Votes doe in one circle move.

C H O R U S.

515 Turne Hunters then,
 agen.
 Hunting it is the noblest exercise,
 Makes men laborious, active, wise,

488, 489 Time] Time Q (so 495, 505) 490 beene] bin Q 493
 Youths] youth's Q: Youth's F prime] prime, Q 494 (Out . . . parts)]
 Out . . . parts ; Q honour] honor Q 507 conceive] conceaue Q

*Brings health, and doth the spirits delight,
 It help's the hearing, and the sight :
 It teacheth arts that never slip* 520
*The memory, good horsmanship,
 Search, sharpnesse, courage, and defence,
 And chaseth all ill habits thence.
 Turne Hunters then,
 agen,* 525
*But not of Men.
 Follow his ample,
 And just example,
 That hates all chace of malice, and of bloud :
 And studies only wayes of good,* 530
*To keepe soft Peace in breath.
 Man should not hunt Mankind to death,
 But strike the enemies of Man ;
 Kill vices if you can :
 They are your wildest beasts.* 535
*And when they thickest fall, you make the Gods true
 feasts.*

The End.

526 *Men* Q : *men* F 527 *ample*, Q : *ample*; F 532 *Mankind*]
Mankrud Q 536 *feasts.*] *feasts* : Q

NEPTUNE'S TRIUMPH FOR
THE RETURN OF ALBION

THE TEXT

After the popular relief and excitement when Prince Charles returned to England on 5 October, 1623, without a Spanish bride, Jonson wrote *Neptune's Triumph for the Return of Albion*. He expected the masque to be performed on Twelfth night 1624; the Quarto title-page actually says that it was so 'celebrated'. But the masque was postponed because of trouble over precedence between the French and Spanish ambassadors, and Middleton's *More Dissemblers beside Women* was played in its place, 'the prince only being there'.¹ The masque in its original form thus lost all point and had to be abandoned. But Jonson remodelled it in the following year when the engagement of Charles to Henrietta Maria was announced, and called the new version *The Fortunate Isles and their Union*, cautiously stating on the title-page that it was 'designed' for performance on Twelfth night, 1625.

The collation of the Quarto of *Neptune's Triumph* is—A 1 recto, the title-page, with the verso blank; A⁴, B⁴, C³, the text. The running title is 'NEPTVNES TRIVMPH'. Two copies have been collated, the British Museum and the Bodleian copies. The former is imperfect: A 2 and A 3, containing the text up to line 113, are missing. Four corrections were made in the text during the printing:—

<i>Museum copy</i>	<i>Bodleian copy</i>
C 1 ^r , l. 435 SAKON	SARON
C 2 ^v , l. 527 sayles	hayles
C 3, l. 532 <i>A blank line.</i>	Then
l. 544 SAROV	SARON

The Masque was printed for the second time in the Folio of 1640 in the Masque section on signatures P 1-4, Q 1 to 3 recto, pages 105-17. The Folio omitted the side-notes of the Quarto, but otherwise it is a careful reprint even in such points as spelling, punctuation, and the use of capitals.

¹ Herbert's Office-book quoted in the Variorum Shakespeare, vol. iii, p. 227.

The Folio corrected two errors of the Quarto, printing 'the pasture's greene,' for 'the pasture greene' in line 468, and 'With something new' for 'which something new' in line 509, this last being a confusion of the abbreviations 'Wth' and 'W^{ch}'. Both texts give '*Delus*' for '*Delos*' in line 180. The Folio has three errors: 'feast, the solemnitie' for 'feast, and solemnitie' in line 25, '*longing*' for '*longings*' in line 378, and 'feasts' in line 460. In line 469 it reads 'Yet no pathes are seene' for 'yet no path is seene' of the Quarto: this was perhaps a correction, for it is found in the corresponding passage of *The Fortunate Isles*, line 583, in both texts, Quarto and Folio.

Our text is based upon the Quarto. In the copies we have collated the marginal notes have unfortunately been cropped by the binder.

NEPTVNES
TRIVMPH

for
the returne
of
ALBION,
celebrated in a
Masque
at the Court on the Twelfth night

I 6 2 3.

Omnis & ad reducem iam litat ara Deum.

Mart. lib. $\overline{\text{viii}}$. Epig. $\overline{\text{xiv}}$.

The title-page of the Quarto, 1623-4

NEPTUNES
TRIUMPH

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night. 1624

Omnis & ad reducem jam litat ara Deum.

Mart. lib. viii. Epig. xiv.

NEPTVNES TRIVMPH.

His Ma^{tie} being set, and the loude Musique ceasing. All, that is discouered of a *Scene*, are two erected Pillars, dedicated to *Neptune*, with this inscription vpon the one,

(*) In the
m(o)neys of
Vespasi(an)
and *Adrian*,
w(e) find this
put fo(r)
NEPTVNO
REDVCI,
vnd(er) *Nep-*
tunalia, F(e-)
ria. vi. NEP.
dicatæ.

(b) That is,
S(e)cundo
IOV(I.) for so
Neptune (is)
cald by Sta-
tiu(s) in
Achil(l)eid. I.
Secundus
IVPITER,
De(x)tramq;
secund(i),
Quod superest,
complexa
Iouis (,) as
PLVTO is
cald
IVPITER
tertiu(s.)

(a) NEP. RED.

5 on the other,

(b) SEC. IOV.

The *POET* entring on the *STAGE*, to disperse the Argument,
is cald to by the *Master-Cooke*.

COOKE.

Doe you heare, you, Creature of diligence, and businesse !
what is the affaire, that you plucke for so, vnder your
cloake ?

POET.

Nothing, but what I colour for, I assure you ; and may
encounter with, I hope, if *Luck* fauour me, the Gamsters
Goddesse.

COOKE.

You are a *Volary* of hers, it seemes by your language.
What went you vpon ? may a man aske you ?

20

POET.

Certainties, indeed, Sir, and very good ones ; the pre-
sentation of a *Masque* ; you'll see't, anone.

COOKE.

25 Sir, this is my roome, and region too, the banquetting-
house! And in matter of feast, and solemnitie, nothing
is to be presented here, but with my acquaintance, and
allowance to it.

POET.

You are not his Maiesties *Confectioner* ? Are you ?

30

COOKE.

No, but one that has as good title to the roome, his
Master-Cooke. What are you, Sir ?

POET.

The most vnprofitable of his seruants, I, Sir, the *Poet*. A

4 (a) NEP. Q : NEP. F, omitting note 6 (b) SEC. Q : SEC. F,
omitting note 7, 8 *Italic in F* 21 indeed,] indeed Q, F 22 *Masque*
Masque Q 25 and] the F

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kind of a *Christmas* Ingine ; one, that is vsed, at least once 35
a yeare, for a trifling instrument, of wit, or so.

C O O K E.

Were you euer a *Cooke* ?

P O E T.

A *Cooke* ? no surely.

40

C O O K E.

Then you can be no good *Poet* : for a good *Poet* differs
nothing at all from a *Master-Cooke*. (c) Eithers Art is the
wisdom of the Mind.

(c) *Vid.*
Athenæ.
Deipnosoph.
lib. i ex
45 *Euphr.*
Comico.

P O E T.

As how, Sir ?

C O O K E.

Expect. I am by my place, to know how to please the
palates of the ghests ; so, you, are to know the palate
of the times : study the seuerall tast, what euey Nation, 50
the *Spaniard*, the *Dutch*, the *French*, the *Walloun*, the
Neapolitan, the *Bri[t]an*, the *Sicilian*, can expect from you.

P O E T.

That were a heauy and hard taske, to satisfie *Expectation*,
who is so seueren an exactresse of duties ; euer a tyrannous 55
mistresse : and most times a pressing enemie.

C O O K E.

She is a powerfull great Lady, Sir, at all times, and must
be satisfied : So must her sister, Madam *Curiositie*, who
hath as daintie a palate as she, and these will expect. 60

P O E T.

But, what if they expect more then they vnderstand ?

C O O K E.

That's all one, M^r. *Poet*, you are bound to satisfie them.

35 Ingine ;] Ingine ? Q, F 43 (c) Eithers Q : Eithers F, omitting
note 49 ghests] guests F palate] palates W 60 she,]
she. Q 64 *Poet*,] *Poet*. F

- 65 For, there is a palate of the Vnderstanding, as well as of the
Senses. The Taste is taken with good relishes, the Sight
with faire obiects, the Hearing with delicate sounds, the
Smelling with pure sents, the Feeling with soft and plump
bodies, but the Vnderstanding with all these: for all
70 which you must begin at the Kitchin. There, the *Art* of
Poetry was learnd, and found out, or no where: and the
same day, with the *Art* of *Cookery*.

P O E T.

- I should haue giu'n it rather to the Cellar, if my suffrage
75 had bin askt.

C O O K E.

(^d) *Vid. Rabi.*
lib. 5.

- O, you are for the (^d) *Oracle* of the *Bottle*, I see; Hogs-
head *Trismegistus*: He is your *Pegasus*. Thence flowes the
spring of your *Muses*, from that *hoofe*.
80 Seduced *Poet*, I doe say to thee,—
A Boyler, Range, and Dresser were the fountaines
Of all the knowledge, in the *Vniuerse*,
And that's the Kitchin. Where, a *Master-Cooke* —
Thou do'st not know the man! nor canst thou know him!
85 Til thou hast seru'd some yeares in that deep school,
That's both the Nource, and Mother of the *Arts*,
And hear'st him read, interpret, and demonstrate.
A *Master-Cooke*! why, he is the man of men,
For a Professor! He designes, he drawes,
90 He paints, he carues, he builds, he fortifies,
Makes *Citadels* of curious foule, and fish,
Some he dry-ditches, some motes round with broths;
Mounts marrow-bones; cuts fifty-angled custards;
Reares bulwarke pies; and, for his outer workes,
95 He raiseth ramparts of immortall crust;
And teacheth all the *tacticks* at one dinner:
What rankes, what files, to put his dishes in;

77-113 Cf. Staple of News, IV. ii. 7-40
F, omitting note 83 Where,] What! G
90 fortifies F: fortifies Q 97 in:] in Q, F

77 (^d) *Oracle* Q: *Oracle*
-Cooke—] -Cooke! Q, F

The whole *Art Militarie* ! Then he knowes
 The influence of the starres, vpon his meates ;
 And all their seasons, tempers, qualities, 100
 And so, to fit his relishes, and sauces !
 He'has *Nature* in a pot ! 'boue all the *Chemists*,
 Or bare-breechd brethren of the *Rosie-Crosse* !
 He is an *Architect*, an *Inginer*,
 A *Souldier*, a *Physitian*, a *Philosopher*, 105
 A generall *Mathematician* !

P O E T.

It is granted.

C O O K E.

And, that you may not doubt him for a *Poet*, 110

P O E T.

This Fury shewes, if there were nothing else.
 And 'tis diuine !

C O O K E.

Then, Brother *Poet*, 115

P O E T.

Brother.

C O O K E.

I haue a suite.

P O E T.

120

What is it ?

C O O K E.

Your deuise.

P O E T.

As you came in vpon me, I was then 125
 Offring the argument, and this it is.

C O O K E.

Silence.

P O E T.

- 130 The mightie *Neptune*, mightie in his styles,
 And large command of waters, and of Isles,
 Not, as the *Lord and Soueraigne of the Seas*,
 But, *Chiefe in the art of riding*, late did please
 To send his *Albion* forth, the most his owne,
 135 Vpon discouery, to themselues best knowne,
 Through *Celtiberia* ; and, to assist his course,
 Gaue him his powerfull ^(e) M A N A G E R of *Horse*,
 With diuine *Proteus*, Father of disguise,
 To waite vpon them with his counsels wise,
 In all extremes. His great commands being done,
 And he desirous to review his Sonne,
 He doth dispatch a floting Ile, from hence,
 Vnto the *Hesperian* shores, to waft him thence.
 Where, what the arts were, vsde to make him stay,
 145 And how the *Syrens* woo'd him, by the way,
 What Monsters he encountred on the coast,
 How neare our generall Ioy was to be lost,
 Is not our subiect now : though all these make
 The present gladnesse greater, for their sake.
 150 But what the triumphs are, the feast, the sport,
 And proud solemnities of *Neptunes* Court,
 Now he is safe, and *Fame's* not heard in vaine,
 But we behold our happie pledge againe.
 That with him, loyall H I P P I V S is returnd,
 155 Who for it, vnder so much envie, burnd
 With his owne brightnes, till her steru'd snakes saw
 What *Neptune* did impose, to him was law.

C O O K E.

But, why not this, till now ?

P O E T.

160

—It was not time,
 To mixe this Musick with the vulgars chime.

129 POET.] [reads] add G
 omitting note

137 ^(e) MANAGER Q : MANAGER F,
 152 *Fame's*] *Fame's* Q, F

(e) A power of
 NEPTVNES
 by which he is
 cald *Hippius*
 or *Damæus*,
 and conferrd
 on a person of
 speciall
 honour, in the
Allegory, as by
 office, *vid.*
infra.

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Stay, till th'abortiue, and extemporall dinne
 Of balladry, were vnderstood a sinne,
Minerua cry'd : that, what tumultuous verse, 165
 Or prose could make, or steale, they might reherse,
 And euery Songster had sung out his fit ;
 That all the Countrey, and the Citie-wit,
 Of bels, and bonfires, and good cheere was spent,
 And *Neptunes Guard* had drunke al that they meant ; 170
 That all the tales and stories now were old
 Of the Sea-Monster *Archy*, or growne cold :
 The *Muses* then might venter, vndeterr'd,
 For they loue, then, to sing, when they are heard.

C O O K E. 175

I like it well, 'tis handsome : And I haue
 Some thing wold fit this. How doe you present 'hem ?
 In a fine Iland, say you ?

P O E T.

Yes, a (^f) *Delos* : 180 (^f) *Vid.*
Lucian in
Dialog. Irid.
& Neptun.

Such, as when faire *Latona* fell in trauaile,
 Great *Neptune* made emergent.

C O O K E.

I conceiue you.

I would haue had your Ile brought floting in, now, 185
 In a braue broth, and of a sprightly greene,
 Iust to the colour of the Sea ; and then,
 Some twentie *Syrens*, singing in the kettel,
 With an *Arion*, mounted on the backe
 Of a growne Conger, but in such a posture, 190
 As, all the world should take him for a Dolphin :
 O, 'twould ha' made such musick ! Ha' you nothing,
 But a bare Island ?

P O E T.

Yes, we haue a tree too, 195

Which we doe call the Tree of *Harmonie*,

176 And] and F 177 wold] would F 180 *Delos* W: (^f) *Delus*
 Q: *Delus* F, omitting note 185 now,] now Q, F

(^g) *Vid. Strab. Geogr. lib. 15.*

And is the same with (^g) what we read, the *Sunne*
 Brought forth in the *Indian Musicana* first,
 And thus it growes. The goodly bole, being got
 200 To certaine cubits height, from euery side
 The boughes decline, which taking roote afresh,
 Spring up new boles, & those spring new, & newer,
 Till the whole tree become a *Porticus*,
 Or arched Arbour, able to receiue
 205 A numerous troupe, such as our *Albion*,
 And the Companions of his iourney are.
 And this they sit in.

COOKE.

Your prime *Masquers*?

210

POET.

Yes.

COOKE.

But where's your *Antimasque* now, all this while?
 I hearken after them.

215

POET.

Faith, we haue none.

COOKE.

None?

POET.

220 None, I assure you, neither doe I thinke them
 A worthy part of presentation,
 Being things so *heterogene*, to all deuise,
 Meere *By-workes*, and at best *Out-landish* nothings.

COOKE.

225 O, you are all the heauen awrie, Sir!
 For blood of *Poetry*, running in your veines,
 Make not your selfe so ignorantly simple.
 Bycause, Sir, you shall see I am a *Poet*,

197 (^g) what Q: what F, omitting note *Sunne* Q: *Sunne*, F 199
 bole] Bowl F3 207 in.] in Q 225 awrie, Sir!] awrie!
 Sir. Q, F 228 Bycause,] Bycause Q: Because F

No lesse then *Cooke*, and that I find you want
 A speciall seruice, here, an *Antimasque*, 230
 Ile fit you with a dish out of the Kitchin,
 Such, as I thinke, will take the present palates,
 A *metaphoricall* dish ! And, do but marke,
 How a good wit may iumpe with you. Are you ready, Child ?
 (Had there bin Maske, or no Maske, I had made it.) 235
 Child of the boyling house.

CHILD.

Here, Father.

COOKE.

Bring forth the pot. It is an *Olla Podrida*, 240
 But I haue persons, to present the meates.

POET.

Persons !

COOKE.

Such as doe relish nothing, but *di stato*, 245
 (But in another fashion, then you dreame of)
 Know all things the wrong way, talke of the affaires,
 The clouds, the cortines, and the mysteries
 That are afoot, and, from what hands they haue 'hem
 (The master of the Elephant, or the Camels) 250
 What correspondences are held ; the Posts
 That go, & come, and know, almost, their minutes,
 All but their businesse : Therein, they are fishes.
 But ha' their garlick, as the *Prouerb* sayes,
 They are our *Quest of enquiry*, after newes. 255

POET.

Together with their learned *Authors* ?

CHILD.

Yes, Sir,

And of the *Epicæne* gender, Hees, and Shees : 260
Amphibion Archy is the chiefe.

230 seruice,] service Q, F
 237 CHILD] Boy G (*et passim*)

236 After 'house' Enter Boy. G
 259 Yes,] Yes Q, F

C O O K E.

Good boy !

The Child is learned too. Note but the Kitchin.

265 Haue you put him, into the pot, for Garlick ?

C H I L D.

One in his coate, shall stinke as strong as he, Sir,
And his friend *Giblets* with him.

C O O K E.

270 They are two,
That giue a part of the seasoning.

P O E T.

I conceiue

The way of your *Gally-mawfrey*.

275

C O O K E.

You will like it,
When they come powring out of the pot together.

C H I L D.

O, if the pot had been big enough !

280

C O O K E.

What then, Child ?

C H I L D.

I had put in the Elephant, and one Camell,
At least, for Biefe.

285

C O O K E.

But, whom ha' you for Partrich ?

C H I L D.

A brace of Dwarfes, and delicate plump birds !

C O O K E.

290 And whom for Mutton, and Kid ?

273 conceiue] coneeiue F 284 At] at Q, F 286 ha' you]
 ha' you put F3 Partrich] Partridge F

CHILD.

A fine lac'd Mutton,
Or two ; and either has her frisking Husband :
That reads her the *Corrantos*, euery weeke.
Graue M^r. *Ambler*, Newes-master of *Poules*, 295
Supplies your Capon ; and growne Captaine *Buz*
(His *Emissary*) vnderwrites for Turkey,
A Gentleman of the *Forrest* presents Phesant,
And a plump Poulters wife, in *Graces* street,
Playes Hen with egges i'the belly, or a Coney, 300
Choose which you will.

COOKE.

But, where's the Bacon, *Thom* ?

CHILD.

Hogrel the Butcher, and the Sow his wife, 305
Are both there.

COOKE.

It is well, goe, dish 'hem out.
Are they well boyld ?

CHILD.

Podrida ! 310

POET.

What's that ? rotten ?

COOKE.

O, that they must be. There's one maine ingredient 315
We haue forgot, the *Artichoke*.

CHILD.

No, Sir.

I have a Fruicterer, with a cold red nose,
Like a blue fig, performs it. 320

COOKE.

The fruit lookes so.
 Good child, goe poure 'hem out, shew their concoction.
 They must be rotten boyld, the broth's the best on't,
 325 And that's the Dance. The stage here is the Charger.
 And, Brother *Poet*, though the serious part
 Be yours, yet, enuie not the *Cooke* his art.

POET.

Not I. *Nam lusus ipse Triumphus amat.*

330 The Antimaske is daunc'd by the persons describ'd,
 comming out of the pot.

POET.

Well, now, expect the *Scene* it selfe ; it opens !

The Iland is discouered, the *Masquers* sitting in their
 335 seuerall sieges. The heauens opening, and *Apollo*,
 with *Mercury*, some *Muses*, & the Goddesses *Har-*
mony, make the musique, the while the
 Iland moues forward, *Proteus* sitting
 below, and A P O L L O sings.

340

Song.

A P O L L O.

(^h) *Proteus*,
pastor maris.
 (^l) *Portumnus*,
qui portibus
præest.

345

Looke forth, the (^h) *Shephard of the Seas*,
 And (^l) *of the Ports*, that keep't the keyes,
 And to your Neptune tell,
 His A L B I O N, Prince of all his Isles,
 For whom the sea, and land so smiles,
 Is home returned well.

326 And,] And Q, F 327 enuie] envie Q 330, 331 in italic
 type in F 334 Iland] of Delos add G discouered] discovered Q
 335 seuerall] severall Q heauens] heavens Q 337 musique,]
 musique. Q 337-8 the while the Iland] the while, the Iland Q, F
 342 (^h) *Shephard*] *Shepherd* F, omitting note 343 (^h) of] of F, omitting
 note

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CHORVS.

*And be it thought no common Cause,
That, to it, so much wonder drawes,* 350
*And all the Heau'ns consent,
With HARMONY, to tune their notes,
In answer to the publike votes,
That, for it, vp were sent.*

It was no enuious Stepdames rage ; 355
*Or Tyrans malice of the age,
That did employ him forth.
But such a Wisdome, that would proue,
By sending him, their hearts, and loue,
That else might feare his worth.* 360

By this time, the Island hath ioyn'd it selfe with the
shore : And *Proteus*, *Portunus*, and ^(k) *Saron*, come
forth, and goe vp singing to the State,
while the Masquers take time
to Land.

(k) The God of
nauigation,
with *Strabo*.
Aristid. Rhet.
and *Pausan.*
in *Corinthi-*
acis : where
the Prouerb
grew frequent
with the
Greekes,
Σάρωνος
ναυτικώτερος,
Sarone magis
nauticus

Song.

PROTEVS.

*I ! now the Pompe of Neptunes triumph shines !
And all the glories of his great designs
Are read, reflected, in his sonnes returne !* 370

PORTVNVS.

*How all the eyes, the lookes, the hearts here, burne
At his arriuall !*

SARON.

These are the true fires, 375
Are made of ioyes !

351 *Heau'ns*] *Hea'uens* Q : *Heav'ns* F 353 *votes*, F : *votes* Q
355 *enuious*] *envious* Q 356 *Tyrans*] *Tyrants* F 359 *loue*,] *loue* Q, F :
Love, F3 361 *ioynd*] *joyn'd* Q 362 ^(k) *Saron*,] ^(k) *Saron* ,
Q : *Saron* ; F, omitting note 372 *hearts*] *heart* F 373
At] *at* Q, F

PROTEVS.

Of longings !

PORTVNVS.

380

Of desires !

SARON.

Of hopes !

PROTEVS.

Of feares !

385

PORTVNVS.

Not intermitted blocks.

SARON.

But pure affections, and from odorous stocks !

CHORVS.

390

*'Tis incense all, that flames !**And these materials scarce haue names !*

PROTEVS.

395

*My King lookes higher, as he scornd the warres
Of windes, and with his trident touchd the starres.
There is no wrinkle, in his brow, or frowne,
But, as his cares he would in nectar drowne,
And all the ⁽¹⁾ siluer-footed Nymphs were drest,
To waite vpon him, to the Oceans feast.*

(1) An *Epi-*
thete frequent
in *Homer*, and
others, given
by them to
Thetis,
Panope,
Doris, &c.
Ἀργυρόπεζα
Θέτις

PORTVNVS.

400

*Or, here in rowes vpon the bankes were set,
And had their seuerall hayres made into net
To catch the youths in, as they come on shore.*

SARON.

405

*How ! Galatea sighing ! O, no more.
Banish your feares.*

378 *longings*] *longing* F
395 *wrinkle,*] *wrinkle* F
note

404 *more.*] *more*, F3

386 *Not*] *No* F

390 *'Tis*] *Tis* Q

397 ⁽¹⁾ *siluer-footed*] *silver-footed* F, omitting

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PORTVNVS.

And, Doris, dry your teares.

Albion is come :

PROTEVS.

And (^m) Haliclyon, too,
That kept his side, as he was charg'd to doe,
With wonder.

410 (^m) *Mari in-*
clytus (re-
 noumd at
 sea.) Another
 of *Neptunes*
 attributes,
 and giuen to
 the same per-
 son with
Hippius.

SARON.

—And the Syrens haue him nol.

PORTVNVS.

Though they no practise, nor no arts forgot,
That might haue wonne him, or by charme, or song.

415

PROTEVS.

Or laying forth their tresses all along
Vpon the glassie waues ;

420

PORTVNVS.

Then diuing :

PROTEVS.

Then,
Vp with their heads, as they were mad of men

425

SARON.

And there, the highest-going billowes crowne,
Vntill some lustie Sea-god pull'd them downe.

CHORVS.

See ! He is here !

430

PROTEVS.

Great Master of the mayne,
Receiue thy deare, and precious pawne againe.

407 *And, Doris,] And Doris Q, F* 410 (^m) *Haliclyon] Haliclyon F,*
omitting note 416 *forgot, F: forgot Q*

CHORVS.

435 SARON, PORTVNVS, PROTEVS, *bring him thus,*
Safe, as thy Subiects wishes gaue him vs :
And of thy glorious Triumph let it be
No lesse a part, that thou their loues doest see,
Then, that his sacred head 's return'd to thee.

440 This sung, the Island goes backe, whilst the vpper
 Chorus takes it from them, and the
 Masquers prepare for
 their figure.

CHORVS.

445 *Spring all the Graces of the age,*
And all the Loues of time ;
Bring all the pleasures of the stage,
And relishes of rime :
Adde all the softnesses of Courts,
 450 *The lookes, the laughers, and the sports,*
And mingle all their sweets, and salts,
That none may say, the Triumph halts.

Here, the Masquers dance their Entry.

Which done, the first prospectiue of a maritime Palace, or
 455 the house of Oceanus is discoverd, with lowd Musique.
 And the other aboute is no more seene.

POET.

Behold the Palace of *Oceanus* !
 Hayle, Reuerend structure ! Boast no more to vs
 460 Thy being able, all the Gods to feast ;
 We haue seene enough : our *Albion* was thy guest.

435 SARON *corr.* Q, F : SARON Q *originally* 439 *head's*] *hea'ds*
 Q 449 *Courts,*] *Courts* Q, F 450 *sports,*] *sports.* F 453-6
Italic type in F : so 462-4, 470-1, 505-6, 514-15, 531 455
discoverd] *discoverd* Q 459 *Hayle,*] *Hayle* Q, F 460 *feast*] *feasts* F

NEPTVNES TRIVMPH. 697

Then follows the Maine Daunce.
 After which the second prospect of the Sea, is showne, to
 the former Musique.

P O E T. 465

Nowe turne and view the wonders of the deepe,
 Where *Proteus* heards, & *Neptunes* Orkes doe keep,
 Where all is plough'd, yet still the pasture's greene,
 The wayes are found, and yet no path is seene.

470

There *Proteus*, *Portunus*, *Saron*, goe vp to the
 Ladies with this Song.

P R O T E V S.

*Come, noble Nymphs, and doe not hide
 The ioyes, for which you so prouide :*

S A R O N. 475

*If not to mingle with the men,
 What doe you here ? Go home agen.*

P O R T V N V S.

480

*Your dressings doe confesse,
 By what we see, so curious parts
 Of Pallas, and Arachnes arts,
 That you could meane no lesse.*

P R O T E V S.

485

*Why doe you weare the Silkewormes toyles ;
 Or glory in the shellfish spoyles ?
 Or striue to shew the graines of ore
 That you haue gatherd on the shore,*

468 pasture's F: pasture Q greene,] greene Q, F 469 path
 is Q: pathes are F seene. F: seene, Q 471 Song.] Song, F 472-
 503 A continuous lyric without speakers' names in the Newcastle MS.,
 Harley 4955, on folio 192a, headed 'A Song at Court to inuite the Ladies
 to Daunce.' (= N), and in the Duodecimo edition of the Poems, 1640,
 pp. 134-5, headed 'To the Ladies of the Court. An Ode.' (= D) 473
 Come,] Come Q, F, N, D 476 the] us D 477 Go:] goe F, D 480
 parts] arts D 484 weare F: were Q 487 on the shore] long before D

Whereof to make a stocke
 To graft the greener Emerald on,
 490 Or any better-water'd stone ?

SARON.

Or Ruby of the rocke ?

PROTEVS.

Why do you smell of Amber-gris,
 495 Of which was formed Neptunes Neice,
 The Queene of Loue ; vnlesse you can,
 Like Sea-borne Venus, loue a man ?

SARON.

Try, put your selues vnto't.

500

CHORVS.

Your lookes, your smiles, and thoughts that meete,
 Ambrosian hands, and siluer feete,
 Doe promise you will do't.

The Reuels follow.

505 Which ended, the Fleete is discouered, while the three
 Cornets play.

POET.

'Tis time, your eyes should be refresh'd at length
 With something new, a part of *Neptunes* strength.
 510 See, yond', his fleete, ready to goe, or come,
 Or fetch the riches of the *Ocean* home,
 So to secure him both in peace, and warres,
 Till not one ship alone, but all be starres. '

A shout within follows.

515 *After which the Cooke enters.*

489 greener] green D on, D : on Q, F : on N 494 Amber-gris]
 Amber gris Q, F : Amber-grease F3 : Ambergreece D 495
 Of which] Whereof D 496 can,] can Q, F, N, D 497 Venus,]
 Venus Q, F, N, D 502 Ambrosian] Ambrosiack N 503
 Doe N, D : doe Q, F 509 With] Which Q strength.] strength
 Q, F 510 yond'] yond Q 515 St. dir. Re-enter the Cook,
 followed by a number of Sailors. G

NEPTVNES TRIVMPH. 699

COOKE.

I haue another seruice for you, Brother *Poet*, a dish of pickled Saylors, fine salt Sea-boyes, shall relish like *Anchoues*, or *Caueare*, to draw downe a cup of *nectar*, in the skirts of a night. 520

SAYLORS.

Come away, boyes, the Towne is ours, hay for *Neptune*, and our young *Master*.

POET.

He knowes the *Compassse*, and the *Card*, 525
While *Castor* sits on the maine yard,
And *Pollux* too, to helpe your *hayles* ;
And bright *Leucothoe* fils your sayles :
Arion sings, the Dolphins swim,
And, all the way, to gaze on him. 530

The *Antimasque* of Saylors.

Then

The last Song to the whole *Musique*, fue Lutes, three
Cornets, and ten voyces.

Song. 535

PROTEVS.

Although we wish the Triumph still might last
For such a Prince, and his discouery past,
Yet now, great Lord of waters, and of Isles,
Giue Proteus leaue to turne vnto his wiles : 540

PORTVNVS.

And, whilst young Albion doth thy labours ease,
Dispatch Portunus to thy Ports,

522 away, F3: away, Q, F hay] hey F3 525 *Compassse*, F:
Compassse Q 527 *hayles* corr. Q, F: sayles Q originally 528
Leucothoe] *Leucothoe*, Q, F 532 Then corr. Q, F: not in Q originally
543 *Ports* F: *ports* Q

SARON.

- 545 *And Saron to thy Seas :*
To meete old Nereus, with his fiftie girles,
From aged Indus laden home with pearls,
And orient gummes, to burne vnto thy name.

CHORVS.

- 550 *And may thy Subiects hearts be all on(e) flame :*
Whilst thou dost keepe the earth in firme estate,
And, 'mongst the winds, dost suffer no debate.
But both at sea, and land, our powers increase,
With health, and all the golden gifts of peace.

- 555 The last Dance.

The end.

545 SARON corr. Q, F: SAROV Q originally 550 one] Cf. *Fortu-*
nate Isles, l. 643 552 And, . . . winds,] And . . . winds F 553
increase,] increase F

THE FORTUNATE ISLES, AND
THEIR UNION

THE TEXT

This masque, a remodelled version of *Neptune's Triumph for the Return of Albion*, was first published in quarto in 1625. An entry in the lost Office-book of Sir Henry Herbert, the Master of the Revels, preserved by Chalmers,¹ runs : ' For the Palsgrave's Company ; A new Play, called, *The Masque*. The Masque book was allowed of for the press ; and was brought to me by Mr. Jon the 29th December 1624.' The Quarto title-page describes the masque as ' design'd for the Court, on the Twelfth night. 1624 '. Actually on Twelfth Night 1625 J. Cooke's *Greenes Tu Quoque* took its place, but the masque was performed three days later.

The collation of the Quarto is—A 1 recto, the title-page with the verso blank ; A 2 recto to D 1 verso, the text ; D 2 blank. The running-title is ' *THE FORTVNATE ISLES* '. Owing to the catch-word on A 2 recto being ' MEERE-FOOLE ' the printer omitted the name at the end of the stage-direction in line 21, ' his name M^r. '.

The misprint in the motto of the title-page, '*Cantúqfue*', is corrected to '*Cantúsque*' in one British Museum copy.

Four copies of the Quarto have been collated :—

- (1) The Garrick copy in the British Museum with press-mark C. 34. e. 30, an exceptionally fine copy with wide margins ;
- (2) Humphrey Dyson's copy in the British Museum with press-mark C. 33. e. 7 (4), a collection of twenty-three masques, city-pageants and pamphlets with ' Hum : Dyson ' on the title-page of each ;
- (3) The British Museum copy with press-mark 1070. l. 26.
- (4) Robert Burton's copy in the Bodleian, which preserves the blank leaf at the end.

Sheet B was corrected while passing through the press.

¹ *Supplementary Apology for the Believers in the Shakespear Papers*, 1799, p. 219.

The third Museum copy shows the uncorrected state in the outer forme :—

B 1 ^r , l. 174 pass'd M 3	past <i>the rest.</i>
B 2 ^v , l. 272 Court; M 3	Court. <i>the rest.</i>
l. 274 ask'd M 3	askt <i>the rest.</i>
l. 276 o' foote M 3	a foote <i>the rest.</i>
B 3 ^r , l. 292 for't M 3	for it <i>the rest.</i>
l. 303 <i>Gymnosophist</i> M 3	<i>Gymnosophist</i> , <i>the rest.</i>
l. 307 <i>Laureat</i> M 3	<i>Laureat the rest.</i>

The uncorrected state of the inner forme of B is found in the Garrick copy in the following lines :—

B 1 ^r , ll. 201-2 see ? . . . whom ? M 1	see, . . . whom. <i>the rest.</i>
l. 210 Alls M 1	All's <i>the rest.</i>
B 2 ^r , l. 224 other, M 1	other <i>the rest.</i>
l. 232 in steed M 1	in stead <i>the rest.</i>
B 3 ^v , l. 315 called M 1	call'd <i>the rest.</i>
l. 322 Crambe ! M 1	Crambe. M 2, 3 : <i>no stop</i> <i>in the Bodleran copy.</i> ¹
B 4 ^r , l. 343 question ^{issimus} M 1	question ^{issimus} <i>the rest.</i>
l. 344 life, M 1	life ; <i>the rest.</i>
l. 367 in all, at M 1	in, all at <i>the rest.</i>

The Folio of 1640 printed *The Fortunate Isles* in the Masque section on signatures S 3 recto to V 2 recto, pages 129-43. It gave the date of the masque as 1626, but, except for changes of type in the stage-direction, it is a fairly faithful reprint of the Quarto. It retained the misprint '*Corners*' for '*Cornets*' in line 620. In the quotation from Skelton (l. 378), the Quarto has '*Wondersly*'; the Folio mis-corrected it to '*Wondrously*': we have restored '*Wonderly*' from Skelton's text.

Our text is taken from the Quarto.

¹ Either the stop dropped out in the printing, or else the printer took out the exclamation mark and at first forgot to replace it.

THE
FORTVNATE ISLES
and
THEIR VNION.

celebrated in a
MASQUE
design'd for the Court, on the
Twelfth night.

1 6 2 4.

Hic choreæ, cantúsque vigent.



The title-page of Robert Burton's copy of the Quarto, 1624-5

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THE FORTVNATE ISLES.

His Ma^{tie} being sett,

ENTreth in, running, *IOHPHIEL*, an aëry spirit,
and (according to the *Magi*) the *Intelligence* of *Iupiters*
sphere : Attired in light silks of seuerall colours, with wings 5
of the same, a bright yellow haire, a chaplet of flowers,
blew silke stockings, and pumps, and gloues, with a siluer
fan in his hand.

I O H P H I E L.

- 10 Like a lightning from the skie,
 Or an arrow shot by *Loue*,
 Or a Bird of his let fly ;
 Bee't a Sparrow, or a Doue :
 With that winged hast, come I,
 15 Loosed from the Sphere of *Loue*,
 To wish good-night
 To your delight.

To him enters a Melancholique Student, in bare and worne
 cloathes, shrowded vnder an obscure cloake, and the
 20 eaues of an old hatt, fetching a deepe sigh, his name,
 M^r *(Mere-Foole.)*

M E R E - F O O L E.

Oh, oh !

I O H P H I E L.

- 25 In *Saturn's* name, the Father of my Lord !
 What ouer-charged peice of *Melancholie*
 Is this, breakes in betweene my wishes thus,
 With bombing sighes ?

M E R E - F O O L E.

- 30 No ! no Intelligence !
 Not yet ! and all my vowes now nine dayes old !
 Blindnes of fate ! Puppies had seene by this time :
 But I see nothing ! that I should ! or would see !
 What meane the Brethren of the *Rosie-Crosse*
 35 So to desert their votary !

I O H P H I E L.

O ! 'tis one

- Hath vow'd himselfe vnto that ærie order,
 And now is gaping for the flie they promis'd him.
 40 I'll mixe a little with him for my sport.

11 Or *F* : or *Q*
Italic type in F
 FOOLE *Q*

15 Loosed *F* : loosed *Q*
 21 Mere-Foole *F*
 37 'tis *F* : tis *Q*

17 To *F* : to *Q*
 18-21
 22, 29 MERE-FOOLE] MERE-
 40 Steps aside. add *G*

THE FORTVNATE ISLES. 709

MERE-FOOLE.

Haue I both in my lodging, and my diet,
My cloaths, and euery other solemne charge
Obseru'd 'hem ! made the naked bords my bed !
A fagot for my pillow ! hungred sore ! 45

IOHPHIEL.

And thirsted after 'hem !

MERE-FOOLE.

To looke gaunt, and leane !

IOHPHIEL. 50

Which will not be.

MERE-FOOLE.

(Who's that ?) yes, and outwatcht,
Yea, and out-walked any Ghost aliue
In solitarie circle, worne my bootes,
Knees, armes, and elbowes out ! 55

IOHPHIEL.

Ran on the score !

MERE-FOOLE.

That haue I (who suggests that ?) and for more 60
Then I will speake of, to abate this flesh,
And haue not gaine the sight ;

IOHPHIEL.

Nay, scarce the sense,

MERE-FOOLE. 65

(Voice, thou art right) of any thing but a cold
Wind in my stomacke.

IOHPHIEL.

And a kind of whimsie.

70 MERE-FOOLE.

Here in my head, that puts me to the staggers,
Whether there be that Brotherhood, or no.

IOHPHIEL.

Beleeue, fraile man, they be : and thou shalt see.

75 MERE-FOOLE.

What shall I see ?

IOHPHIEL.

Mee.

MERE-FOOLE.

80 Thee ? Where ?

IOHPHIEL.

Here. If you

Be M^r. *Mere-Foole*.

MERE-FOOLE.

85 Sir, our name is *Mery-Foole*.

But by contraction *Mere-Foole*.

IOHPHIEL.

Then are you

The wight I seeke : and Sr. my name is *Iohphiel*,

90 Intelligence to the Sphere of *Iupiter*,

An aëry iocular spirit, imploy'd to you

From Father OVTIS.

MERE-FOOLE.

OVTIS ? who is hee ?

95 IOHPHIEL.

Know yee not OVTIS ? Then <you> know Nobody :

The good old *Hermit*, that was said to dwell

Here in the forest without trees, that built

74 Beleeue,] Beleeue Q : Beleeve F 81 IOHPHIEL.] *Johp.* [comes
forward.] G 85 -Foole.] -Foole, F3 96 you F Nobody] No
body F

THE FORTVNATE ISLES. 711

The Castle in the aire, where all the Brethren
Rhodostaurotick liue. It flies with wings, 100
And runnes on wheeles : where *Iulian de Campis*
Holds out the brandisht blade.

MERE - FOOLE.

Is't possible
They thinke on mee ? 105

IOHPHIEL.

Rise, be not lost in wonder,
But heare mee, and be faithfull. All the Brethren
Haue heard your vowes, salute you, and expect you,
By mee, this next returne. But the good Father 110
Has bin content to die for you.

MERE - FOOLE.

For mee ?

IOHPHIEL.

For you. Last New-years day, which some giue out, 115
Because it was his Birth-day, and began
The yeare of *Iubile*, he would rest vpon it,
Being his hundred fiae and twentieth yeare :
But the truth is, hauing obseru'd your *Genesis*,
He would not liue, because he might leaue all 120
He had to you.

MERE - FOOLE.

What had he ?

IOHPHIEL.

Had ? An office, 125
Two, three, or foure.

MERE - FOOLE.

Where ?

IOHPHIEL.

- 130 In the vpper Region :
 And that you'll find. The Farme of the great Customes,
 Through all the Ports of the Aires Intelligences ;
 Then Constable of the Castle *Rosy-Crosse* :
 Which you must be, and Keeper of the Keyes
 135 Of the whole *Kaball*, with the Seales ; you shall be
 Principall Secretarie to the Starres ;
 Know all their signatures, and combinations,
 The diuine rods, and consecrated roots.
 What not ? Would you turne trees vp like the wind,
 140 To shew your strength ? march ouer heads of armies,
 Or points of pikes, to shew your lightnesse ? force
 All doores of arts, with the petarr, of your wit ?
 Reade at one view all books ? speake all the languages
 Of seuerall creatures ? master all the learnings
 145 Were, are, or shallbe ? or, to shew your wealth,
 Open all treasures, hid by nature, from
 The rocke of Diamond, to the mine of Sea-coale ?
 Sir, you shall doe it.

MERE-FOOLE.

- 150 But how ?

IOHPHIEL.

- Why, by his skill,
 Of which he has left you the inheritance,
 Here in a pot : this little gally pot
 * *He giues him* Of tincture, high rose tincture. Ther(e)'s your ^a Order,
a Rose. You will ha' your Collar sent you, er't be long.

MERE-FOOLE.

I lookt, S^r. for a halter, I was desperate.

IOHPHIEL.

- 160 Reach forth your hand.

142 petarr,] Petard F3 155 ^a Order] Order F St. dir. He
 ... Rose. om. F 158 lookt,] lookt Q, F

THE FORTVNATE ISLES. 713

MERE-FOOLE.

O S^r. a broken sleeue
Keepes the arme back, as 'tis i'the prouerbe.

IOHPHIEL.

Nay, 165
For that I doe commend you : you must be poore
With al your wealth, & learning. When you ha' made
Your glasses, gardens in the depth of winter,
Where you will walke inuisible to Man-kind,
Talkt with all birds & beasts in their own language, 170
When you haue penetrated hills like ayre,
Diu'd to the bottome of the Sea, like lead,
And riss' againe like corke ; walk't in the fire
As 'twere a *Salamander*, past through all
The winding orbes, like an Intelligence, 175
Vp to the *Empyreum*, when you haue made
The World your gallery, can dispatch a businesse
In some three minuts, with the *Antipodes*,
And in fiew more, negotiate the *Globe* ouer ;
You must be poore still. 180

MERE-FOOLE.

By my place, I know it.

IOHPHIEL.

Where would you wish to be now ? or what to see ?
Without the fortunate purse to beare your charges, 185
Or wishing hat ? I will but touch your temples,
The corners of your eyes, and tinct the tip,
The very tip o' your nose, with this *Collyrium*,
And you shall see i'the aire all the *Ideas*,
Spirits, and *Atomes*, Flies, that buz about 190
This way, and that way, and are rather admirable,
Then any way intelligible.

163 back.] back Q, F
174 As Editor : An Q, F
178 minuts] minutes F

173 riss'] rise F3 corke ; F : corke, 2
past corr. Q : pass'd Q originally, F
188 *Collyrium*,] *Collyrium* Q, F

MERE-FOOLE.

O, come, tinct me,
 195 Tinct me : I long, saue this great belly, I long.
 But shall I onely see ?

IOHPHIEL.

See, and commaund
 As they were all your vallets, or your foot-boyes :
 200 But first you must declare, (your Greatnes must,
 For that is now your stile) what you would see,
 Or whom.

MERE-FOOLE.

Is that my stile ? My Greatnes, then,
 205 Would see King *Zoroastres*.

IOHPHIEL.

Why, you shall :
 Or any one beside. Thinke whom you please ;
 Your thousand, your ten thousand, to a million :
 210 All's one to me, if you could name a myriad.

MERE-FOOLE.

I haue nam'd him.

IOHPHIEL.

You'haue reason.

215 MERE-FOOLE.

I, I haue reason.
 Because he's said to be the Father of coniurers,
 And a cunning man i'the starres.

IOHPHIEL.

220 I, that's it troubles vs
 A little for the present : For, at this time,

199 vallets] varlets *F* 201 see, *corr.* *Q* see ? *Q* originally: see. *F* :
 202 whom. *corr.* *Q*, *F* : whom ? *Q* originally 207 Why,] Why *Q*, *F*
 208 please ;] please ? *Q*, *F* 209 your ten] Your ten *Q*, *F* 210
 All's *corr.* *Q*, *F* : Alls *Q* originally 214 You'haue] You haue *Q* :
 You'ave *F* 215 -FOOLE] -FOOEE *Q* 220 vs] us *F*3 : vs. *Q* :
 us. *F* 221 time,] time *Q*, *F*

THE FORTVNATE ISLES. 715

He is confuting a French *Almanack*,
 But he will straight haue done. Ha'you but patience ;
 Or thinke but any other in meane time,
 Any hard name. 225

MERE - FOOLE.

Then, *Hermes Trismegistus*.

IOHPHIEL.

O, *ὁ τρισμαγίστος*? Why, you shall see him,
 A fine hard name. Or him, or whom you will, 230
 As I said to you afore. Or what doe you thinke
 Of *Howle-glasse*, in stead of him ?

MERE - FOOLE.

No, him

I haue a mind to. 235

IOHPHIEL.

O, but *Vlen-spiegle*

Were such a name ! but you shal haue your longing.
 What lucke is this, he should be busie to ?
 He is waighing water, but to fill three houreglasses, 240
 And marke the day in pen'orths like a cheese,
 And he has done. 'Tis strange you should name him
 Of all the rest ! there being *Iamblicus*,
 Or *Porphyrie*, or *Proclus*, any name
 That is not busy. 245

MERE - FOOLE.

Let me see *Pythagoras*.

IOHPHIEL.

Good.

MERE - FOOLE.

250

Or *Plato*.

223 done. Ha'] don, Ha' Q: done, Ha' F 224 other corr. Q, F:
 other, Q originally 229 O,] O, Q, F Query read 'O τρισμαγίστος,
 omitting 'O,' 232 in stead Q, F: in steed Q originally 232
 him ?] him. F 237 O, F3: O' Q: O', F Vlen-spiegle] Vlen-spiegle. F
 239 to] too F 242 'Tis] Tis Q 251 Or] or Q

IOHPHIEL.

Plato, is framing some *Ideas*,
 Are now bespoken, at a groat a dozen,
 255 Three grosse at least : And, for *Pythagoras*,
 He's rashly run himselfe on an employment,
 Of keeping *Asses* from a feild of beanes ;
 And cannot be stau'd off.

MERE-FOOLE.

260 Then, *Archimedes*.

IOHPHIEL.

Yes, *Archimedes* !

MERE-FOOLE.

I, or *Æsop*.

265 IOHPHIEL.

Nay,

Hold your first man, a good man, *Archimedes*,
 And worthy to be seene ; but he is now
 Inventing a rare Mouse-trap with *Owles* wings
 270 And a *Catts*-foote, to catch the *Mise* alone :
 And *Æsop*, he is filing a *Fox* tongue,
 For a new fable he has made of Court.
 But you shall see 'hem all, stay but your time
 And aske in season ; Things askt out of season
 275 A man denies himselfe. At such a time
 As *Christmas*, when disguising is a foote,
 To aske of the inuentions, and the men,
 The witts, and the ingine⟨r⟩s that moue those Orbes !
 Me thinkes, you should enquire now, after *Skelton*,
 280 Or M^r. *Scogan*.

253 *Ideas*] *Idea's* Q, F 259 MERE-FOOLE] MERE-FOOLE Q
 263 MERE-FOOLE] MERE-FOOLE Q 271 filing] filling F3 272
 Court. corr. Q : Court ; Q originally, F 274 askt corr. Q : ask'd Q
 originally : as'kd F 276 a foote corr. Q : o' foote Q originally :
 o' foot F 277 inuentions] inventions Q 278 inginers Editor
 280-2 *Scogan* . . . *Scogan* Q : *Skogan* . . . *Skogan* F

THE FORTVNATE ISLES. 717

MERE-FOOLE.

Scogan ? what was he ?

IOHPHIEL.

O, a fine gentleman, and a *Master of Arts*,
Of *Henry* the fourth's times, that made disguises 285
For the Kings sonnes, and writ in ballad-royall
Daintily well.

MERE-FOOLE.

But, wrote he like a Gentleman ?

IOHPHIEL.

290

In rime ! fine tinckling rime ! and flowand verse !
With now & then some sense ! & he was paid for it,
Regarded, and rewarded : which few *Poets*
Are now adaies.

MERE-FOOLE.

295

And why ?

IOHPHIEL.

'Cause euery Dabler

In rime is thought the same. But you shall see him.
Hold vp your nose.

300

MERE-FOOLE.

I had rather see a *Brachman*,
Or a *Gymnosophist*, yet.

IOHPHIEL.

You shall see him, Sir,

305

Is worth them both. And with him *Domine Skelton*,
The worshipfull *Poet Laureat* to *K. Harry*,

284 O,] O' Q, F and a] and W 292 for it corr. Q : for't
Q originally, F 296 why?] why. Q 300 After 'nose.' Anoints
his eyes and temples. G 303 *Gymnosophist*, corr. Q : *Gymnosophist*
Q originally, F 305 Sir, F3 : Sir. Q, F 307 Laureat corr.
Q : Laureat Q originally, F Harry,] Harry Q

And *Tityre* tu of those times. Aduance, quick *Scogan*,
 And quicker *Skelton*, shew your craftie heads,
 310 Before this Heyre of arts, this Lord of learning,
 This Master of all knowledge in reuersion.

Enter SCOGAN, and SKELTON in like
 habits, as they liu'd.

SCOGAN.

315 Seemeth wee are call'd of a morall intent,
 If the words, that are spoken, as well now be ment.

IOHPHIEL.

That, Mr. *Scogan*, I dare you ensure.

SCOGAN.

320 Then, Sonne, our acquaintance is like to indure.

MERE-FOOLE.

A pretty game! like *Crambe*. M^r. *Scogan*,
 Giue me thy hand. Thou'art very leane, me thinks.
 Is't liuing by thy wits?

325 SCOGAN.

If it had bin that,
 My worshipfull Sonne, thou hadst ne'r bin so fatt.

IOHPHIEL.

He tels you true, S^r. Here's a gentleman
 330 (My paire of crafty Clearkes) of that high caract,
 As hardly hath the age produc't his like.
 Who not content with the witt of his owne times,
 Is curious to know yours, and what hath bin,

308 *Tityre* F3: *Tytire* Q, F Aduance,] Aduance Q: Advance F
Scogan Q: *Skogan* F (so 318, 322) 312, 313 *St. dir. italic type in F*
 312 SCOGAN,] SKOGAN. Q: SKOGAN, F 314 SCOGAN Q: SKOGAN F
 (so F throughout, except in l. 381) 315 call'd corr. Q, F: called Q
 originally intent,] intent Q 316 words,] words F ment] meant F
 318 That,] That Q, F *Scogan*,] *Scogan* Q: *Skogan* F 322 *Crambe*.
 corr. Q, F: *Crambel* Q originally, in one copy 'Crambe': *Crambo*, W 323
 hand. Q: hand: F Thou'art Q: Thou'rt F thinks;] thinks, F 326
 bin] beene F (so 333) 329 true, F3: true Q, F 329 gentleman
 gentlcman Q 330 Clearkes] Clerkes F

THE FORTVNATE ISLES. 719

MERE - FOOLE.

Or is, or shall be.

335

IOHPHIEL.

Note his Latitude !

SKELTON.

O, vir amplissimus !

(Vt scholis dicimus)

Et gentilissimus !

340

IOHPHIEL.

The question-*issimus*

Is, should he aske a sight now, for his life ;

I meane, a person, he would haue restor'd,

To memorie of these times, for a Play-fellow,

Whether you would present him, with an *Hermes*,

Or, with an *Howle-glas* ?

345

SKELTON.

An *Howleglasse*

To come, to passe

On his Fathers Asse ;

There neuer was,

By day, nor night,

A finer sight.

With fethers vpright

In his horned cap,

And crooked shape,

Much like an Ape.

With Owle on fist,

And Glasse at his wrist.

350

355

360

SCOGAN.

Except the foure Knaues entertain'd for the guards,

Of the Kings, & y^e Queenes that triumph in the cards.

343 question-*issimus* corr. Q, F: questionissimus Q originally
life; corr. Q, F: life, Q originally

355 sight.] sight, F3

344

365

I O H P H I E L.

I, that were a sight and a halfe, I confesse,
To see 'hem come skipping in, all at a messe !

S K E L T O N.

370

With *Elinor Rumming*,
To make vp the mumming ;
That comely *Gill*,
That dwelt on a hill,
But she is not grill :
Her face all bowsy,
375 Droopie, and drowsie,
Scuruy, and lowsie,
Comely crinkled,
Wonderly wrinkled,
Like a rost pigs eare,
380 Bristled with haire.

S C O G A N.

Or, what doe you say to *Ruffian Fitz-Ale* ?

I O H P H I E L.

An excellent sight, if he be not too stale.
385 But then, we can mix him with moderne *Vapors*,
The Child of *Tobacco*, his pipes, and his papers.

M E R E - F O O L E.

You talk'd of *Elinor Rumming*, I had rather
See *Ellen of Troy*.

390

I O H P H I E L.

Her you shall see.
But credit mee,

367 in, all at corr. Q, F: in all, at Q originally 369 *Rumming*,
F3: *Rumming*. Q, F 378 Wonderly Editor: Wondersly Q:
Wondrously F 384 too] to F

THE FORTVNATE ISLES. 721

That *Marie Ambree*
 (Who march'd so free
 To the siege of *Gaunt*, 395
 And death could not daunt,
 As the Ballad doth vaunt)
 Were a brauer wight,
 And a better sight.

S K E L T O N. 400

Or Westminster *Meg*,
 With her long leg,
 As long as a Crane ;
 And feet like a plane :
 With a paire of heeles, 405
 As broad as two wheeles ;
 To driue downe the dew,
 As she goes to the stew :
 And turnes home merry,
 By *Lambeth* Ferry. 410
 Or you may haue come
 In, *Thomas Thumbe*,
 In a pudding fatt
 With Doctor *Ratt*.

I O H P H I E L. 415

I, that ! that ! that !
 Wee'll haue '⟨h⟩em all,
 To fill the Hall.

The *Antimasque* followes.

Consisting of these twelue persons, *Owleglas*, the foure 420
Knaues, two *Ruffians*, *Fitz-ale*, and *Vapors*; *El⟨i⟩nor*
Rumming, *Mary Ambree*, *Long-Meg* of *Westminster*,
Tom Thumbe, and *Doctor Ratt*.

394 free F3 : free. Q, F 417 'hem Editor 419 *Italic type in F*
 421 *Ruffians*, F: *Ruffians* Q *Vapors*] *Vapors* F *Elinor* F3
 445.7 3 A

Which done,

425

MERE-FOOLE.

What ! are they vanish'd ! where is skipping *Skelton* ?
 Or morall *Scogan* ? I doe like their shew
 And would haue thank't 'hem, being the first grace
 The Company of the *Rosie-Crosse* hath done me.

430

IOHPHIEL.

The company o' the *Rosie-crosse* ! you wigion,
 The company of *Players*. Go, you are,
 And wilbe stil your selfe, a *Mere-foole* ; In,
 And take your pot of honey here, and hogs greace,
 435 See, who has guld you, and make one. Great King,
 Your pardon, if desire to please haue trespass'd.
 This foole should haue bin sent to *Anticyra*,
 (The Ile of *Ellebore*,) there to haue purg'd,
 Not hop'd a happie seat within your waters.
 440 Heare now the message of the Fates, and *Ioue*,
 On whom those Fates depend, to you, as *Neptune*,
 The great Commander of the Seas, and Iles.
 That point of Reuolution being come
 When all the Fortunate Islands should be ioyn'd,
 445 M A C A R I A, one, and thought a Principall,
 That hetherto hath floted, as vncertaine
 Where she should fix her blessings, is to night
 Instructed to adhere to your B R I T A N N I A :
 That where the happie spirits liue, hereafter
 450 Might be no question made, by the most curious,
 Since the *Macarij* come to doe you homage,
 And ioyn their cradle to your continent.

424 Which done,] *They dance, and withdraw.* G 427 *Scogan*
Skogan F 428 'hem] 'em F 432 of] of the G 433 *Mere-*
foole ; In] *Mere foole*, In ; Q : *Mere-foole*, In ; F 435 After 'one'.
Exit Merefool. G 437 bin] beene F *Anticyra* W : *Antycira* Q, F
 441 *Neptune*,] *Neptune* Q, F 446 hetherto] hitherto F

THE FORTVNATE ISLES. 723

Here the *Scene* opens, and the *Masquers* are discover'd
sitting in their seuerall seiges. The aire opens aboue,
and A P O L L O with *Harmony*, and the spirits of 455
Musique sing, the while the *Iland* moues forward,
Proteus sitting below, and hearkning.

Song.

Looke forth the *Shepherd* of the *Seas*,
And of the *Ports* that keep'〈st〉 the *keyes*, 460
And to your *Neptune* tell,

M A C A R I A, *Prince* of all the *Isles*,
Wherein there nothing growes, but *smiles*,
Doth here put in, to dwell.

The *windes* are sweet, and gently blow, 465
But *Zephyrus*, no breath they know,
The *Father* of the *flowers* :

By him the *virgin violets* liue,
And euery plant doth odours giue,
As new, as are the *howers*. 470

C H O R V S.

Then, thinke it not a common cause,
That to it so much wonder drawes,
And all the *heauens* consent,
With *Harmony* to tune their notes, 475
In answer to the *publike* votes,
That for it vp were sent.

By this time, the *Iland* hauing ioyned it selfe to the shore ;
P R O T E V S, P O R T V N V S, and S A R O N come forth,
and go vp singing to the *State*, while the *Masquers* 480
take time to ranke themselues.

Song.

P R O T E V S.

I, now, the heights of *Neptunes* honors shine,
And all the glories of his greater stile 485
Are read, reflected in this happiest Ile.

453-7 *Italic type in F*
Zephyrus,] Zephirus Q, F

460 keep'st Editor: keepe Q, F
484 honors] honours F

PORTVNVS.

*How both the aire, the soile, the seat combine
To speake it blessed !*

490

SARON.

*These are the true groues,
Where ioyes are borne,*

PROTEVS.

Where longings,

495

PORTVNVS.

And where loues !

SARON.

That liue !

PROTEVS.

500

That last !

PORTVNVS.

*No intermitted wind
Blowes here, but what leaues flowers, or fruit behind.*

CHORVS.

505

*'Tis odour all, that comes !
And euery tree doth giue his gummes.*

PROTEVS.

510

*There is no sicknes, nor no old age knowne
To man, nor any greife that he dares owne.
There is no hunger there, nor enuy of state.
Nor least ambition in the Magistrate.
But all are euen-harted, open, free,
And what one is, another strives to be.*

THE FORTVNATE ISLES. 725

P O R T V N V S.

Here all the day, they feast, they sport, and spring ; 515
Now dance the Graces Hay, now Venus Ring :
To which the old Musitians play, and sing.

S A R O N.

There is A R I O N, tuning his bold Harpe,
From flat to sharpe. 520

P O R T V N V S.

And light Anacreon,
He still is one !

P R O T E V S.

Stesichorus there, too, 525
That Linus, and old Orpheus doth out-doe
To wonder.

S A R O N.

And Amphion ! he is there.

P O R T V N V S.

Nor is Apollo dainty to appeare 530
In such a quire, although the trees be thick,

P R O T E V S.

He will looke in, and see the aires be quick,
And that the times be true. 535

P O R T V N V S.

Then, chanting,

P R O T E V S.

Then,
Vp, with their notes, they raise the Prince of Men. 540

S A R O N.

And sing the present Prophecie that goes
Of ioyning the bright L I L L I E, and the R O S E.

520 From] from Q, F

535 times] times Q

CHORVS.

545 *See ! all the flowres*

PROTEVS.

*That spring the banks along,
Do moue their heads vnto that vnder-song.*

CHORVS.

550 *SARON, PORTVNVS, PROTEVS, helpe to bring
Our Primrose in, the glorie of the spring !
And tell the Daffadill, against that day,
That we prepare new Gyrlands fresh as May,
And enterweaue the Myrtle, and the Bay.*

555 This sung, the Island goes backe, whilst the vpper
Chorus takes it from them, and the *Masquers* prepare for
their figure.

CHORVS.

560 *Spring all the Graces of the age,
And all the Loues of time ;
Bring all the pleasures of the stage,
And relishes of rime :
Add all the softnesses of Courts,
The lookes, the laughters, and the sports.*
565 *And mingle all their sweets, and salts,
That none may say, the Triumph halts,*

The Masquers dance their Entry or first dance.

Which done, the first Prospectiue, a Maritime Palace, or
the house of *Oceanus* is discovered to lowd Musicke. The
570 other aboue is no more seene.

IOHAPHIEL.

*Behold the Palace of Oceanus !
Hayle, Reuerend structure ! Boast no more to vs
Thy being able, all the Gods to feast ;*
575 *We saw enough : when ALBION was thy guest.*
553 May.] May. Q, F 573 Hayle.] Hayle Q, F

THE FORTVNATE ISLES 727

The measures.

After which, the second Prospectiue, a Sea is showne,
to the former Musicke.

IOHPHIEL.

Now turne ; and view the wonders of the deepe, 580
Where *Proteus* heards, & *Neptunes* Orkes doe keep,
Where all is plough'd, yet still the pasture's greene,
New wayes are found, and yet no paths are seene.

Here *Proteus*, *Portunus*, *Saron* goe vp to the
Ladies with this Song. 585

PROTEVS.

Come, noble Nymphs, and doe not hide
The ioyes, for which you so provide :

SARON.

If not to mingle with the Men, 590
What doe you here ? Go home agen.

PORTVNVS.

Your dressings doe confesse,
By what wee see, so curious parts
Of Pallas, and Arachnes arts, 595
That you could meane no lesse.

PROTEVS.

Why doe you weare the silk-wormes toyles,
Or glorie in the shell-fish spoiles ;
Or striue to shew the graines of Ore 600
That you haue gather'd on the shore,
Whereof to make a stocke
To graft the greener Emerald on,
Or any better-water'd stone,

576-8 *Italic type in F*
greene Q, F : green, F3
water'd] better water'd Q, F

582 pasture's] pastures Q, F greene,]
587 Come,] Come Q, F 604 better-

605

S A R O N.

Or Rubie of the rock ?

P R O T E V S.

610

*Why doe you smell of Amber-gris,
Of which was formed Neptunes Neice,
The Queene of Loue : vnlesse you can,
Like Sea-borne Venus, loue a Man ?*

S A R O N.

Try, put your selues vnto't.

C H O R V S.

615

*Your lookes, your smiles, and thoughts that meete,
Ambrosian hands, and siluer feete,
Do promise you will do't.*

The Reuels follow.

Which ended, the Fleete is discouered, while the three
620 Cornets play.

I O H P H I E L.

'Tis time, your eyes should be refresht at length
With something new, a part of N E P T V N E S strength,
See, yond', his Fleete, ready to goe or come,
625 Or fetch the riches of the *Ocean* home,
So to secure him, both in peace, and warres,
Till not one ship alone, but all be starres.

Then the last *Song*.

P R O T E V S.

630

*Although we wish the glorie still might last
Of such a night, and for the causes past :
Yet now, great Lord of waters, and of Iles,
Giue Proteus leaue to turne vnto his wiles.*

610 *can.*] *can* Q, F
type in F (so 628)
Tis Q

611 Venus,] Venus Q, F
620 Cornets] Corners Q : Corners F
624 See,] See F

618-20 *Italic*
622 'Tis]

THE FORTVNATE ISLES. 729

PORTVNVS.

And, whilst young ALBION doth thy labours ease, 635
Dispatch Portunus to thy Ports,

SARON.

And Saron to thy Seas :
To meet old Nereus, with his fiftie girles,
From aged Indus laden home with pearles, 640
And Orient gummes, to burne vnto thy name.

CHORVS.

And may thy subiects hearts be all one flame,
Whilst thou dost keepe the earth in firme estate,
And 'mongst the winds, do'st suffer no debate, 645
But both at Sea, and Land, our powers increase,
With health, and all the golden gifts of Peace.

After which, their last Dance.

The End.

636, 638 *thy . . . thy] the . . . the* F

643 *one] on* F

LOVE'S TRIUMPH THROUGH
CALLIPOLIS

THE TEXT

First printed in quarto by John Norton junior for Thomas Walkley in 1630. The collation is:—A 1 recto, the title-page, with the verso blank; A 2 to B 2, the text; pages 1 to 10, the paging beginning on A 2 recto. There is no running title. Two copies have been collated for the present edition:—the British Museum copy with press-mark 644. b. 59, and the Malone copy in Bodley (Malone 851). No variant readings have been found in these copies.

The masque was reprinted in the Folio of 1640 in the Masque section on signatures V 2 verso to X 1 verso, pages 144–50. The Folio text is a close copy of the Quarto, even reproducing the present tense in the stage-directions: for instance, . . . ‘the Scene changeth to a Garden, and . . . there appeare foure new persons’ (ll. 175–6); . . . ‘she rising to goe vp to the Queene, the Throane disappears’ (ll. 204–5). A reading impossible for Jonson is in both texts at line 200 ‘*And these with I descend*’; all the editors retain it, but we have emended to ‘*And therewith I descend*’.

Our text is based on the Quarto.

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Ben. Ionson. Igno Iones.

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To make the Spectators vnderstanders.

WHereas all Repræsentations, especially those of this nature in court, publique Spectacles, eyther haue bene, or ought to be the mirrors of mans life, whose ends, for the excellence of their exhibitors (as being the donatiues, of 5 great Princes, to their people) ought alwayes to carry a mixture of profit, with them, no lesse then delight ; Wee, the Inuentors, being commanded from the King, to thinke on some thing worthy of his Maiesties putting in act, with a selected company of his Lords, and Gentlemen, called to 10 the assistance : For the honor of his Court, and the dignity of that heroique loue, and regall respect borne by him to

TITLE *Ionson*] *Johnson* F 2 Repræsentations] Representations F
4 mirrors] mirrours F 11 honor] honour F

his vnmatchable Lady, and Spouse, the Queenes Maiestie,
after some debate of cogitation with our selues, resolued on
15 this following argument.

First, that a Person, *boni ominis*, of a good Character, as
Euphemus, sent downe from Heauen to *Callipolis*, which is
vnderstood the Citty of *Beauty* or *Goodnes*, should come in;
and, finding her Maiestie there enthron'd, declare vnto her,
20 that *Loue*, who was wont to be respected as a speciall
Deity in Court, and Tutelar God of the place, had of late
receiu'd an aduertisement, that in the suburbes, or skirtes
of *Callipolis*, were crept in certaine Sectaries, or deprau'd
Louers, who neyther knew the name, or nature of loue
25 rightly, yet boasted themselues his followers, when they
were fitter to be call'd his *Furies*: their whole life being a
continew'd *vertigo*, or rather a torture on the wheele of
Loue, then any motion eyther of order or measure. When
sodainely they leape forth below, a Mistresse leading them,
30 and with anticke gesticulation, and action, after the manner
of the old *Pantomimi*, they dance ouer a distracted *comædy*
of *Loue*, expressing their confus'd affections, in the Scenicall
persons, and habits, of the foure prime *European* Nations.

- 35 A glorious boasting Louer.
 A whining ballading Louer.
 An aduenturous *Romance* Louer.
 A phantastick vmbrageous Louer.
 A bribing corrupt Louer.
 A froward jealous Louer.
40 A sordid illiberall Louer.
 A proud skorne-full Louer.
 An angry quarrelling Louer.
 A melancholique despairing Louer.
 An enuious vnquiet Louer.
45 A sensuall brute Louer.

18 vnderstood] understood, F 20 *Loue*,] *Loue* Q: *Love* F 28
motion] motion, F 29 sodainely] suddenly F 33 habits,]
habits F 41 skorne-full] scornfull F

Loues Triumph through Callipolis. 737

All which, in varied, intricate turnes, and involu'd mazes,
express, make the Antimasque : and conclude
the exit, in a circle.

E V P H E M V S descends singing.

Foy, ioy to mortals, the reioycing fires 50

*Of gladnes, smile in your dilated hearts !
Whilst Loue presents a world of chast desires,
Which may produce a harmony of parts !*

*Loue is the right affection of the minde,
The noble appetite of what is best : 55
Desire of vnion with the thing design'd,
But in fruition of it cannot rest.*

*The Father plenty is, the Mother want, Porus, and
Plenty the beauty, which it wanteth, drawes ; Penia.
Want yeilds it selfe : affording what is scant. 60
So, both affections are the vnion's cause.*

*But, rest not here. For Loue hath larger scopes,
New ioyes, new pleasures, of as fresh a date
As are his minutes : and, in him no hopes
Are pure, but those hee can perpetuate. 65*

*To you that are by excellence a Queene ! Here hee goes
The top of beauty ! but, of such an ayre, vp to the
As, onely by the minds eye, may bee seene State.
Your enter-wouen lines of good, and fayre !*

*Vouchsafe to grace Loues triumph here, to night, 70
Through all the streetes of your Callipolis ;
Which by the splendor of your rayes made bright,
The seate, and region of all beauty is.*

*Loue, in perfection, longeth to appeare,
But prayes, of fauour, he be not call'd on, 75
Till all the suburbes, and the skirts bee cleare
Of perturbations, and th'infection gon.*

46-8 *Italic type in F, except ' mazes, express, make the ', which are in
italic in Q* 58 *want.] want. F* 58 (margin) *Porus, and Penia. Q,*
corr. F : om. F originally. 66 *St. dir. Here hee] He F* 72 *bright,]*
bright Q, F 74 *appeare, F : appeare Q* 75 *prayes,] prayes F*

Then will he flow forth, like a rich perfume
 Into your nostrils ! or some sweeter sound
 80 Of melting musique, that shall not consume
 Within the eare, but run the mazes round.

Heere the Chorus walke about with their censers.

CHORVS.

Meane time, wee make lustration of the place,
 85 And with our solemne fires, and waters proue
 T(o)'haue frighted, hence, the weake diseased race
 Of those were tortur'd on the wheele of loue.

¹The glorious, ²whining, ³the aduenturous foole,
⁴Phantastique, ⁵bribing, and the ⁶iealous asse,
 90 ¹The sordid, ²scornefull, ³and the angry mule,
⁴The melancholique, ⁵dull, and ⁶envious masse,

With all the rest, that in the sensuall schoole
 Of lust, for their degree of brute may passe.

The prospect
 of a Sea ap-
 pears. 95

All which are vapor'd hence.

No loues, but slaues to sense :

Meere cattell, and not men.

Sound, sound, and treble all our ioyes agen,
 Who had the power, and vertue to remooue
 Such monsters from the labyrinth of loue.

100 The Triumph is first seene a-farre off, and led in by *Amphi-
 trite*, the Wife of *Oceanus*, with foure Sea-gods attending her :
 NEREVS, PROTEVS, GLAVCVS, PALÆMON.
 It consisteth of fiteene *Louers*, and as many *Cupids*, who
 ranke themselues seauen and seauen on a side, with each a
 105 *Cupid* before him, with a lighted torch, and the middle
 person (which is his Maiesty,) placed in the center.

86 *frighted*,] *frighted* F 89 *asse*,] *asse* Q, F 90 *mule*,] *mule*
 Q, F 92 Q and F prefix 'Chorus': 'Grand Cho.' G 94 *vapor'd*] *vapor'd* F
 vapour'd F St. dir. a om. F 100 a-farre off F: a far of Q 101
 her:] her. Q, F 102 NEREVS . . . PALÆMON. a separate line in
 Q, F 104 seauen and] seauen, and Q: seven, and F: seven and F3

Loues Triumph through Callipolis. 739

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| 1. The prouident. | 2. The iudicious. |
| 3. The secret. | 4. The valiant. |
| 5. The witty. | 6. The iouiall. |
| 7. The secure. | 8. The substantiall. 110 |
| 9. The modest. | 10. The candid. |
| 11. The courteous. | 12. The elegant. |
| 13. The rationall. | 14. The magnificent. |

A M P H I T R I T E.

Here, stay a while : This ! this 115

The Temple of all Beauty is !

Heere, perfect Louers, you must pay

First-fruits ; and on these altars lay

(The Ladyes breasts) your ample vowes,

Such, as Loue brings, and Beauty best allowes ! 120

C H O. { *For Loue, without his obiect, soone is gone :*
Loue must haue answering loue, to looke vpon.

A M P H I T R I T E.

To you, best Iudge then, of perfection !

E V P H E M V S.

125

The Queene, of what is wonder, in the place !

A M P H I T R I T E.

Pure obiect, of Heroique Loue, alone !

E V P H E M V S.

The center of proportion—

130

A M P H I T R I T E.

Sweetnesse—

E V P H E M V S.

Grace !

119 *breasts*] *breast's* Q, F 121-2 CHO.] *Cho.* Q 130 *proportion—*] *proportion—*! Q, F 132 *Sweetnesse—*] *Sweetnesse-* Q : *Sweetnesse.* F 134 *Grace* !] *Grace. ?* Q: *Grace?* F.

135

AMPHITRITE.

Daigne to receiue all lines of loue in one.

EV P H E M V S.

And by reflecting of them fill this space.

140

CH O. { *Till it a circle of those glories proue,*
Fit to be sought in Beauty, found by Loue.

SEMI-CHO. { *Where Loue is mutuall, still*
All things in order moue,

SEMI-CHO. { *The circle of the will*
Is the true spheare of Loue.

145

CH O. { *Aduance, you gentler Cupids, then, aduance,*
And shew your iust perfections in your daunce.

The Cupids dance their dance.

And the Masquers their entry.

Which done, *Euclia*, or a faire Glory, appeares in the
 150 heauens, singing an applausiue song, or *Pæan* of the whole,
 which shee takes occasion to ingeminate in the second
Chorus, vpon the sight of a work of *Neptunes*, being a hollow
 rocke, filling part of the Sea-prospect, whereon the Muses sit.

E V C L I A S Hymne.

155

So loue, emergent out of Chaos, brought
The world to light !
And gently mouing on the waters, wrought
All forme to sight !

Loues appetite

160

Did beauty first excite :
And left imprinted in the ayre,
Those signatures of good, and faire,

135 AMPHITRITE.] AMPHITRITE, Q 141 SEMI-CHO.] *Semi-*
cho. Q : SEMI-CHO. F 143 SEMI-CHO.] *Semi-cho. Q* 145 *then,*
then Q, F CHO.] *Cho. Q* 147 *Italic type in Q, F* dance their
dance, their F 148 their entry F: their-entry Q 149 *Glory,*
Glory Q, F 150 *Pæan*] *Pæan Q, F* 155 *Chaos,*] *Chaos Q, F*
 156 *The*] *the Q* 158 *All*] *all Q*

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C H O. { *Which since haue flow'd, flow'd forth vpon the sense,*
To wonder first, and then to excellence,
By vertue of diuine intelligence ! 165

The ingemination.

And Neptune too,
Shewes what his waues can doe :
To call the Muses all to play,
And sing the birth of Venus day, 170

C H O. { *Which from the Sea flow'd forth vpon the sense,*
To wonder first, and next to excellence,
By vertue of diuine intelligence !

Here follow the Reuels.

Which ended, the Scene changeth to a Garden, and the 175
 heauens opening, there appeare foure new persons, in forme
 of a *Constellation*, sitting, or a new *Asterisme*, expecting
Venus, whom they call vpon with this song.

I V P I T E R, I V N O, G E N I V S, H Y M E N.

I V P. *Hast, daughter Venus, hast, and come away :* 180

I V N. *All powers, that gouerne mariage, pray*
That you will lend your light

G E N. *Vnto the constellation of this night.*

H Y M. *Hymen,*

I V N. *And Iuno,* 185

G E N. *And the Genius call,*

I V P. *Your father Iupiter,*

C H O. *And all*

That blesse, or honor holy nuptiall.

163 *sense,*] *sense* F 171 *flow'd*] *flow'd*, Q *sense,*] *sense* Q, F 177
Constellation,] *Constellation* Q *expecting*] *expectng* Q 179 IVPITER,
 IVNO, GENIUS,] IVPITER. IVNO. GENIUS. Q 180 *Hast,*] *Hast*
 Q, F 183 *night.*] *night*, F 184 *Hymen,*] *Hymen*. Q, F 185
 Iuno,] Iuno. Q : Juno. F 189 *honor*] *honnor* Q : *honour* F

190 V E N V S here appeares in a cloud, and passing through
the *constellation*, descendeth to the earth, when presently
the cloud vanisheth, and she is seene sitting in a throane.

V E N V S.

Here, here I present ame
195 *Both in my girdle, and my flame.*
Wherein are wouen all the powers
The Graces gaue me, or the Howres
(My nources once) with all the artes
Of gayning, and of holding hearts :
200 *And therewith I descend.*
But, to your influences, first commend
The vow, I goe to take
On earth, for perfect loue and beauties sake !

Her song ended, and she rising to goe vp to the Queene,
205 the Throane disappeares : in place of which, there shooteth
vp a Palme tree with an imperiall crowne on the top, from
the roote whereof, Lillies and Roses, twining together, and
imbracing the stem, flourish through the crowne, which she
in the song, with the *Chorus*, describes.

210 *Beauty and Loue, whose story is mysteriall,*
In yonder Palme-tree, and the Crowne imperiall,
Doe from the Rose, and Lilly so delicious,
Promise a shade, shall euer be propitious
To both the Kingdomes. But to Brit[t]aines Genius
215 *The snaky rod, and serpents of Cyllenius*
Bring not more peace, then these, who so vnited be
By Loue, as with it Earth and Heauen delighted be.
And who this King, and Queene would well historify,
Need onely speake their names : Those them will glorify.
220 M A R Y, and C H A R L E S, C H A R L E S, with his M A R Y,
named are,
And all the rest of Loues, or Princes famed are.

After this they dance their going out,
and end.

194 *ame*] *am* F3 200 *therewith* Editor : *these with* Q, F 207 *together*,
F: *together* Q 209 *Chorus*,] *Chorus* Q, F 220 C H A R L E S, with] C H A R L E S
with F are,] *are* Q, F

The Masquers Names.

The King.

225

The Marquesse *Ham[m]ilton.*

Lord *Chamberlaine.*

Earle of *Holland.*

Earle of *Carnaruan.*

Earle of *Newport.*

Vicount *Doncaster.*

Lord *Strange.*

Sir *William Howard.*

Sir *Robert Stanley.*

Sir *William Brooke.* 230

Maister *Goring.*

Maister *Raleigh.*

Maister *Dimock.*

Maister *Abercromy.*

The end.

230 *Stanley.] Stanley Q*

231, 232 *Maister] Master F*

CHLORIDIA

THE TEXT

First printed in quarto for Thomas Walkley in 1631. The collation is—A 1 recto, the title-page with the verso blank ; A 2 recto to C 1 recto, the text ; C 2 recto, the names of the Masquers ‘as they sate in the Bowre’: to show their positions exactly, their names are printed in four lines rising from the bottom to the top of the page, the Queen in the first line, four ladies in the second and third lines, and six ladies in the fourth line. C 2 verso is blank. The catchword on A 2 verso (l. 39) is ‘executed’, but ‘executed,’ is in the text on A 3 recto. The running title is ‘CHLORIDIA’.

Two copies have been collated: the Garrick copy in the British Museum (C. 34. c. 58), and the Malone copy in the Bodleian (Malone 860). The latter, which belonged to Heber, was a duplicate copy from the Bridgwater library, and was sold at the Roxburgh sale for 12s. 6d. No variant readings have been found in these copies. The Folio of 1640 reprints the Quarto in the Masque section, X 2 recto to Y 2 recto, pages 151–9. It also keeps the present tense in the stage directions; thus, in lines 91–2, ‘Here the *Spring* goes up, singing, the argument to the King; and the *Fountaines* follow with the close’. The names of ‘The Inventors. *Ben. Johnson. Inigo Jones*’ are added on the title-page after the date. The Folio has a silly misprint, ‘*Pestones*’ for ‘*Festones*’, in line 199.

Our text is based upon the Quarto.

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CHLORIDIA.

THE King, and Queenes Maiesty, hauing giuen their command for the Inuention of a new argument, with the whole change of the *Scene*, wherein her Maiesty, with the like number of her Ladies, purposed a presentation to the King. It was agreed, it should be the celebration of some Rites, done to the Goddess *Chloris*, who in a generall

counsell of the Gods, was proclaim'd Goddess of the flowers, according to that of *Ouid*, in the *Fasti*.

Arbitrium tu, Dea, floris habe.

- 10 And was to be stellified on Earth, by an absolut decree from *Iupiter*, who would haue the Earth to be adorn'd with starres, as well as the Heauen.

Vpon this hinge, the whole Inuention moou'd.

- The ornament, which went about the *Scene*, was com-
15 posed of Foliage, or leaues heightned with gold, and enter-
wouen with all sorts of flowers; and naked children, playing,
and climbing among the branches; and in the midst, a great
garland of flowers, in which was written, *CHLORIDA*.

- The Curtaine being drawne vp, the *Scene* is discouer'd,
20 consisting of pleasant hills, planted with young trees, and
all the lower bankes adorned with flowers. And from some
hollow parts of those hills, Fountaynes come gliding downe,
which, in the farre-of Land-shape, seem'd all to be conuerted
to a river.

- 25 Ouer all, a serene skie, with transparent cloudes, giuing a
great lustre to the whole worke, which did imitate the
pleasant *Spring*.

- When the Spectators had enough fed their eyes, with the
delights of the *Scene*, in a part of the ayre, a bright
30 cloud begins to breake forth; and in it, is sitting a plumpe
Boy, in a changeable garment, richly adorn'd, representing
the mild *Zephyrus*. On the other side of the *Scene*, in a
purplish Cloud, appeareth the *Spring*, a beautifull Mayde,
her vpper garment greene, vnder it, a white robe wrought
35 with flowers; a garland on her head.

Here *Zephyrus* begins his dialogue, calling her forth, and
making narration of the Gods decree at large; which shee
obeyes, pretending, it is come to Earth already: and there

9 *tu, Dea,*] *tu Dea* Q, F 10 absolut] absolute F 13 moou'd]
mov'd F 15 enterwouen] enter-woven F 23 farre-of] farre-
off F 25 transparent] transparant F 35 a garland] A garland
Q, F 37 large ;] large, Q, F

begun to bee executed, by the Kings fauour, who assists
with all bounties, that may bee eyther vrg'd, as causes, or 40
reasons of the *Spring*.

The first Song.

ZEPHYRVS.

Come forth, come forth, the gentle Spring,
And carry the glad newes, I bring, 45
To Earth, our common mother :
It is decreed, by all the Gods,
The Heau'n, of Earth shall haue no oddes,
But one shall loue another :

Their glories they shall mutuall make, 50
Earth looke on Heauen, for Heauens sake ;
Their honours shall bee euen :
All æmulation cease, and iarres ;
Ioue will haue Earth to haue her starres,
And lights, no lesse then Heauen. 55

SPRING.

It is alreadie done, in flowers
As fresh, and new as are the howres,
By warmth of yonder Sunne.
But will be multipli'd on vs, 60
If from the breath of ZEPHYRVS
Like fauour we haue wonne.

ZEPHYRVS.

Giue all to him : His is the dew,
The heate, the humor, 65

SPRING. —All the true-

Beloued of the Spring !

39 executed.] executed F 47 Gods.] Gods Q, F 48
The] That G 52 honours] honour's Q, F 54 starres.] starres
Q, F 65 humor] humour F 66 true-] true. F

ZEPHYRVS.

The Sunne, the Wind, the Verdure !

70 *SPRING.* —All,
That wisest Nature cause can call
Of quick'ning any thing.

At which, *Zephyrus* passeth away through the ayre, and the
Spring descendeth to the Earth : and is receiu'd by the
75 *Naiades*, or *Napeæ* ; who are the Nymph's, *Fountaines*,
and Seruants of the season.

The second Song.

FOUNTAINES.

80 *Fayre Maide, but are you come to dwell,*
And tarry with vs here ?

SPRING.

Fresh Fountaines, I am come to tell
A tale in yond' soft eare,
Whereof the murmure will doe well :
85 *If you your parts will beare.*

FOUNTAINES.

Our purlings wayte vpon the Spring.

SPRING.

90 *Goe vp with me, then : helpe to sing*
The story to the King.

Here the *Spring* goes vp, singing the argument to the
King ; and the *Fountaines* follow with the close.

SPRING.

95 *Cupid hath ta'ne offence of late*
At all the Gods, that of the State,
And in their Councell, he was so deserted,
Not to be call'd into their Guild,
But slightly pass'd by, as a child.

76 season.] season- Q
98 child.] child- Q

97 into] unto G Guild,] Guild Q, F

FOVNTAYNES.

Wherein he thinkes his honour was peruerted. 100

SPRING.

*And though his Mother seeke to season,
And rectifie his rage with reason,
By shewing he liues yet vnder her command,
Rebellious he, doth disobey, 105
And she hath forc'd his armes away.*

FOVNTAYNES.

To make him feeles the Iustice of her hand.

SPRING.

*Whereat the Boy, in fury fell, 110
With all his speed, is gone to hell,
There to excite, and stirre vp Iealousy,
To make a party 'gainst the Gods,
And set Heauen, Earth, and Hell at odds.*

FOVNTAYNES.

And rayse a chaos of calamity. 115

The Song ended, the *Nymphs* fall into a dance, to their voyces, and instruments, and so returne into the *Scene*.

THE ANTIMASQVE.

First Entry. 120

A part of the vnder-ground opening, out of it enters a Dwarf-Post from Hell, riding on a Curtall, with clouen feet, and two Lacqueys: These dance, & make the first entry of the Antimasque. Hee alights, and speakes.

POSTILION. 125

Hold my stirrop, my one Lacquey; and looke to my Curtall, the other: walke him well, sirrah, while I expatiate my selfe

119, 120 in italic type in F 122 Dwarf-Post] DWARF post G
127 sirrah,] Sirrah. Q: Sirrah, F

*here in the report of my office ! oh the Furies ! how I am ioyed
 with the title of it ! Postilion of Hell ! yet no Mercury. But*
 130 *a meere Cacodæmon, sent hether with a packet of newes !
 newes ! neuer was Hell so furnished of the commodity of newes !
 Loue hath bin lately there, and so entertained by Pluto, and
 Proserpine, and all the Grandees of the place, as, it is there
 perpetuall Holy-day : and a cessation of torment granted, and*
 135 *proclaimed for euer ! Halfe-famish'd Tantalus is fallen to his
 fruit, with that appetite, as it threatens to vndoe the whole
 company of Costard-mungers, and ha's a riuer afore him,
 running excellent wine. Ixion is loos'd from his wheele, and
 turn'd Dancer, does nothing but cut capreols, fetch friskals, and*
 140 *leades Lualtos, with the Lamiaë ! Sisyphus ha's left rowling
 the stone, and is growne a Mr. bowler ; challenges all the prime
 gamesters, Parsons in hell, and giues them odds : vpon Tityus
 his brest, that (for sixe of the nine acres) is counted the subtlest
 bowling-ground in all Tartary. All the Furies are at a game*
 145 *call'd nine-pins, or keilles, made of old vsurers bones, and
 their soules looking on with delight, and betting on the game.
 Neuer was there such freedome of sport. Danaus daughters
 haue broke their bottomlesse tubs, and made bonfires of them.
 All is turn'd triumph there. Had Hell-gates bin kept with*
 150 *halfe that strictnesse, as the entry here ha's bin to night,
 Pluto would haue had but a cold Court, & Proserpine a thinne
 presence, though both haue a vast territory. We had such a
 stirre to get in, I and my Curtall, and my two Lacqueys all
 ventur'd through the eye of a Spanish needle, we had neuer*
 155 *come in else, & that was by the fauour of one of the guard who
 was a womans-tayler, and held ope the passage. Cupid by com-
 mission hath carried Iealousie from Hell, Disdaine, Feare, and
 Dissimulation, with other Goblins, to trouble the Gods. And I
 am sent after, post, to raise Tempest, Windes, Lightnings,*
 160 *Thunder, Rayne, and Snow, for some new exployt they haue*

130 *hether*] *hither* F 132 *bin*] *beene* F (149, 150) 136 *threatens*] *threaten's* Q, F 137 *ha's*] *he has* G 138 *wine.*] *wine* Q: *Wine*; F
 141 *Mr. bowler*] *Master-bowler* F3 142 *odds :*] *odds* G 149 *Hell-gates*] *hell gates* Q: *Hell gates* F 150 *strictnesse*, F: *strictnesse* Q
 152 *territory.*] *territory* Q 159 *after, post,*] *after post*, Q, F

against the Earth, and the Goddess Chloris, Queene of the flowers, and Mistris of the Spring. For ioy of which I will returne to my selfe, mount my Bidet, in a dance ; and coruet vpon my Curtall.

The speech ended, the *Postillion* mounts his Curtall, and 165 with his Lacqueys, danceth forth as hee came in.

2 Entry.

Cupid, Jealousy, Disdaine, Feare, and Dissimulation, dance together.

3 Entry.

170

The Queenes Dwarfe, richly appar[r]el'd, as a *Prince of Hell*, attended by six infernall *Spirits* ; He first danceth alone, and then the *Spirits* : all expressing their ioy, for *Cupids* comming among them.

4 Entry.

175

Here the *Scene* changeth, into a horrid storme. Out of which enters the Nymph *Tempest*, with foure *Windes*, they dance.

5 Entry.

Lightnings, three in number, their habits glistering, ex- 180 pressing that effect, in their motion.

6 Entry.

Thunder alone, dancing the tunes to a noyse, mixed, and imitating thunder.

7 Entry.

185

Rayne, presented by fiae persons all swolne, and clouded ouer, their hayre flagging, as if they were wet, and in their hands, balls full of sweete water, which, as they dance, sprinkle all the roome.

167-90 *F* prints '2.' etc., and uses italic type for the entries. 172-86
Q prints arabic numerals for 'six' &c 176 storme.] storme ; *F*
 177 *Windes*, *F* : *Windes*. *Q* 183 alone.] alone *Q*, *F*

190

8 and last Entry.

Seuen with rugged white heads, and beards, to expresse
Snow, with flakes on their garments, mix'd with hayle. These
 hauing danced, returne into the stormy *Scene*, whence they
 came.

- 195 Here, by the prouidence of *Iuno*, the tempest on an
 instant ceaseth : And the *Scene* is changed into a delicious
 place, figuring the bowre of *Chloris*: wherein, an arbour
 fayn'd of Gold-smiths worke, the ornament of which was
 borne vp with *Termes* of *Satyres*, beautify'd with *Festones*,
 200 garlands, and all sorts of fragrant flowers. Beyond all this,
 in the skie a-farre of appear'd a *Rainebow*. In the most
 eminent place of the Bowre, sate the Goddess *Chloris*,
 accompanied with fourteene *Nymphs*, their appar[r]ell white,
 embroydered with siluer, trim'd at the shoulders with great
 205 leaues of greene, embroydered with gold, falling one vnder
 the other. And of the same worke were their bases, their
 head-'tires of flowers, mix'd with siluer, and gold, with some
 sprigs of *Ægrets* among, and from the top of their dressing,
 a thinne vayle hanging downe.

210

All which beheld,

The *Nymphs*, *Riuers*, and *Fountaynes*, with the *Spring*,
 sung this reioycing Song.

Song. 3.

RIVERS, SPRING, FOVNTAYNES.

- 215 *Run out, all the Flouds, in ioy with your siluer feete ;*
And hast to meete

190 and] *And* F 197 *Chloris*: wherein,] *Chloris*. Where, in *Q*, *F*:
CHLORIS, wherein *G* 199 *Festones*] *Pestones* F 201 a-farre *F*:
 a farre *Q* of] off *F* *Rainebow*. In] *Rainebow*, In *Q*: *Rainebow*,
 in *F* 204 embroydered] *F*: embroydered, *Q* 211 *Fountaynes*,]
Fountaynes *Q*: *Fountaines* *F*: *Fountain*, *F* 213 3.] 3. *Q* 214
RIVERS . . . *FOVNTAYNES*] *Grand. Cho. G* (and so later) 216, 217
 One line in *Q*, *F* meete | *The*] *meete*, the *Q*: *meet*, the *F*

*The enamour'd Spring ;
 For whom the warbling Fountaynes sing
 The story of the flowers,
 Preserued by the Howers, 220
 At Iuno's soft command, and Iris showers,
 Sent to quench ieaalousie, and all those powers
 Of Loues rebellious warre :
 Whil'st Chloris sits a shining starre
 To crowne, and grace our iolly song, 225
 Made long,
 To the notes, that we bring,
 To glad the Spring.*

Which ended, the Goddesse, and her *Nymphs* descend the
 degrees, into the roome, and dance the entry of the grand- 230
 masque.

After this, another Song by the same persons, as before.

Song. 4.

RIVERS, FOVNTAYNES.

*{ Tell a truth, gay Spring, let vs know 235
 What feete they were, that so
 Impres't the Earth, and made such various flowers to grow !*

SPRING.

*{ She that led, a Queene was at least,
 Or a Goddesse, 'boue the rest : 240
 And all their graces, in her selfe expres't !*

RIVERS, FOVNTAYNES.

*{ O, 'twere a fame, to know her name !
 Whether shee were the roote ;
 Or they did take th'impression, from her foote. 245*

218 sing] sing : Q, F 219, 220 One line in Q, F flowers, | Pre-
 serued] flowers ; preserued Q : flowers ; preserved F 220 Howers,]
 Howers ; Q : Howres ; F 225-8 Two lines in Q, F, divided at
 'long' and 'Spring' 221 showers,] showers ; Q, F 229 Nymphs]
 Nymphs, F 233 4.] 4, Q 239 least] lest F 243 O, 'twere
 F : O' it were Q 245 impression,] impression F

The Masquers here dance their second dance.

Which done,

The farther *Prospect* of the *Scene* changeth into ayre,
with a low *Land-shape*, in part couered with clouds : And
250 in that instant, the Heauen opening, *Iuno*, and *Iris* are
seene, and aboue them many *aëry spirits*, sitting in the
cloudes.

Song. 5.

I V N O.

255 *Now Iuno, and the Ayre shall know*
 The truth of what is done below,
 From our discoloured bow.
 Iris, what newes ?

I R I S.

260 *The ayre is cleare, your bow can tell,*
 Chloris renown'd, Spight fled to Hell ;
 The businesse all is well.
 And Cupid sues—

I V N O.

265 *For pardon. Do's hee ?*

I R I S.

Hee sheds teares
 More then your Birds haue eyes.

I V N O.

270 *The Gods haue eares.*
 Offences, made against the Deities,
 Are soone forgot—

I R I S.

If who offends, be wise.

275 Here, out of the Earth, ariseth a Hill, and on the top of
it, a globe, on which *Fame* is seene standing, with her

251 *aëry*] *aery* Q
line in Q, F
standing Q, F

257, 258 *One line in Q, F*
263 *sues—*] *sues- Q : sues F*

262, 263 *One*
276 *standing.]*

trumpet in her hand ; and on the Hill, are seated four Persons, presenting *Poesie, History, Architecture, and Sculpture* : who together with the *Nymphs, Floods, and Fountaynes*, make a full *Quire* ; at which, *Fame* begins to mount, and 280 moouing her wings, flyeth, singing, vp to Heauen.

F A M E.

Rise, golden Fame, and giue thy name a birth,

C H O R V S.

From great and generous actions, done on Earth. 285

F A M E.

The life of Fame is action.

C H O R V S.

Vnderstood

That action must be vertuous, great, and good ! 290

F A M E.

*Vertue it selfe by Fame is oft protected,
And dies despised——*

C H O R V S.

Where the Fame's neglected. 295

F A M E.

*Who hath not heard of Chloris, and her bowre,
Fayre Iris act, employ'd by Iuno's power
To guard the Spring, and prosper euery flower,
Whom Iealousie and Hell thought to deuoure ?* 300

C H O R V S.

*Great actions, oft obscur'd by time, may lye,
Or enuy——*

277 trumpet] trumpet, Q: Trumpet, F 278 presenting] pre-
sented, Q 280 Quire; F 3: Quire, Q, F 281 singing,
F 3; singing Q, F 283 Rise,] Rise Q, F birth,] birth Q, F
292 off] of's Q (so 302) 295 Fame's] Fame's Q, F neglected.
F: neglected Q 297 bowre,] bowre Q: Bowre F: Bower, F 3

F A M E.

305

But they last to memory.

P O E S Y.

Wee that sustaine thee, learned Poesy,

H I S T O R Y.

And I, her sister, seuere History,

310

A R C H I T E C T V R E.

With Architecture, who will rayse thee high,

S C V L P T V R E.

And Sculpture, that can keepe thee from to dye,

C H O R V S.

315

All helpe <to> lift thee to eternity.

I V N O.

And Iuno, through the ayre, doth make thy way,

I R I S.

By her serenest Messenger of Day.

320

F A M E.

*Thus Fame ascends, by all degrees, to Heauen :
And leaues a light, here, brighter then the seuen.*

C H O R V S.

325

*Let all applaud the sight.
Ayre first, that gaue the bright
Reflections, day or night !
With these supports of Fame,
That keepe aliue her name !
The beauties of the Spring,
Founts, Riuers, euerything :*

330

304 FAME.] FAME Q 307 learned] Learned Q, F Poesy.] Poesy
Q : Poesie, F 309 History.] History. Q, F 313 dye.] dye. Q, F
315 to lift W 321 Fame] Fame, F ascends] ascend's Q, F 322
brighter] brighter, Q 326 day] Day Q, F night] Night Q 329 Spring.]
Spring. Q, F 330 Founts] Fount's Q, F

*From the height of all,
To the Waters fall,
Resound, and sing
The honours of his Chloris, to the King.
Chloris, the Queene of Flowers ;* 335
*The sweetnesse of all Showres ;
The ornament of Bowres ;
The top of Par-amours !*

Fame being hidden in the clouds, the hill sinkes : and the
Heauen closeth. 340

The Masquers dance with the Lords.

The End.

The Names of the Masquers as they
sate in the Bowre.

The Queene. 345

Countesse of *Carlile*. Countesse of *Oxford*. Lady *Strange*. Countesse of *Berkshire*.
Lady *Anne Cauendish*. Countesse of *Carnaruan*. Countesse of *Newport*. Lady *Penelope Egerton*.
M. Porter. *M. Dor. Sauage*. *La. Howard*. *M. Eliz Sauage*. *M. Anne Weston*. *M. Sophia Cary*.

332 *fall*,] *fall*- Q, F 334 *honours*] *honour's* Q, F 339 *Fame*] *Fame*, Q, F 342 *The End.*] In Q, F after l. 340 : in F3 after the 'Names of the Masquers'. 345-50 So in Q, printed up the page instead of across it : F breaks up into four lines ending 'Strange', 'Carnaruan', 'Savage', 'Cary'. 347 Anne F : Anne Q

III
THE LATER ENTERTAINMENTS
1620-1634

AN ENTERTAINMENT AT THE
BLACKFRIARS

THE TEXT

Written for performance at the christening of Charles Cavendish, second son of Sir William, second Earl of Devonshire,¹ who was born on 20 May, 1620, the text of this entertainment is preserved in Harley MS. 4955 on folios 48 to 52. This manuscript, as its contents show, was made for the Newcastle family, probably for the Earl, who was Jonson's patron. It also contains important texts of the Earl's entertainments of King Charles at Welbeck in 1633 and of the King and Queen at Bolsover in 1634, five letters of Jonson to the Earl,² and epitaphs on members of the Cavendish family. The scribe was a servant of the family, probably the Earl's secretary. He was also the copyist of a Bodleian manuscript, MS. Rawlinson Poetry 16, 'Poems Songs a Pastorall and a Play by the R^t Hon^{ble} the Lady Iane Cavendish and Lady Elizabeth Brackley'; 'W. N.', i.e. 'William Newcastle', is stamped on the cover. Whether the bad grammar and bad metre of these poems is to be attributed to the authors or to the copyist it is impossible to say—probably the former, for the latter in his transcript of *The Gypsies Metamorphosed* faithfully reproduced some senseless blunders of the 1640 Folio.³

The Entertainment was first printed in *The Monthly Magazine; or British Register*, part I, February 1816, with the title *The Christening; A Masque by Ben Jonson, Not in his Works*. The text, which was intended to be an exact reprint, is very bad. Gifford's edition, which appeared later in the year, was the first to include the Entertainment in an edition of Jonson; he pandered to propriety by omitting a few lines and phrases. These F. Cunningham supplied in his recension of Gifford in 1875. Their text is disfigured by such blunders as 'rude' for 'vnrude' in line 46, which they probably regarded as a correction; 'urge' for 'trye' in

¹ See Sir C. H. Firth's account of him in the *Dictionary of National Biography*. In vol. ii, p. 311, we had followed Gifford in stating that the christening took place in the house of the Earl of Newcastle.

² Printed in vol. i, pp. 210-14.

³ See pages 560-1.

line 137; 'feasts' for 'leasts' in line 214; 'wave' for 'waye', i.e. 'weigh', in line 263, 'beate' for 'heate' in line 269, 'while working' for 'while we know' in line 298. In the present edition abbreviations such as 'ye' and 'wech' have been expanded, and the inconsistent use of 'u' and 'v' has been normalized. The critical apparatus gives the manuscript readings which we have corrected. We have only this text to go upon, and it is sufficient to point out where we have deviated from it. We are puzzled by the scribe's correction of 'slike-stone' to 'slide-stone' in line 117. If he were trustworthy, we should have accepted his correction, but the word 'slide-stone' is unknown.

Though this slight entertainment was not included in the Folio of 1640, the ascription to Jonson is above suspicion: the Newcastle Manuscript is authoritative on such a point, and the internal evidence confirms it.

A Forrester:

[illegible]

for the purpose of the

Dugges, Kecks, Holdbacke;

Dugges

All things cunningly chosen, which are of Geopse-
 peat: For they come all. **Drugges** and get me a sea-
 ling: beside of **Arra** **Holdback** galls: for I cannot show
 A fourth nurse: **Holdback** are his with of **Plume** & **Head** new
 back: I sweet Gentleman to a Geopse has now: I will to be a
 ship: I **Earth** **Holds** in ships: now back, and swore: **finances** good
 pleasure to send it.

At the Banquet:

Hold:

None God bless you right heart: and my honorable Lord is and
my good lady of Constance: I have not word of you all yet welcome:
and is enough to give me, and as good as a hundred of knowe, I am
my day: my Lords, and my lady: some like you my boy: is not a
goodly boy: I saye his name would be a hundred men to look upon
Charles waynt to their right, it is here: rather of stature & the same

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At the Entrance to the banquet :

A Forrester :

Sir, y'are welcome to the Forrest, you haue seene a battell vpon a table, now you see a huntinge; I knowe not what the game will proue, but the ground is well clothed, 5 with Trees; The most of these deere, will come to hande, if they take Couert (Sir) downe with the wooddes, for the huntinge is meant, to be so Royall, as Trees, Dogges, Deare, all, meane to be a parte of the Quarrye.

In the Passage.

10

Dugges, Kecks, Holdbacke:.

Dugges. Are they cumming? where? which, which are the Gossips?

Kecks. Peace, here they come all.

Dugges. I'le vp and get mee a standinge behinde the Arras. 15

Holdbacke. Youle bee thrust there I'faith, nurse.

<Kecks.>

Holdback. Noe, hee with the blewe Ribband; peace.

Kecks. O sweete Gentleman, he a Gossip, hee were fitter to be a father ifaith. 20

Hold. Soe theye were both, and 'twere fortunes good pleasure[s] to send it.

At the Banquett:.

Hold. Nowe God Multiplie your highnes, and my honorable Lord to: and my good lady the Countess! I haue one 25

5 prove, 6 hande 7 Covert wooddes correcting an
original spelling woods 12-22 One paragraph in the MS. 14
peace 15 Drugges: got 16 Holdbacke: youle Ifaith
17 Lacuna marked by G. 18 Holdback: noe peace Kecks. O
20 i faith Hold: soe 21 twere 24-58 One paragraph in the
MS. 24 Holdback enters with the child, Dugges and Kecks. G.
25 Countess?

- word for you all *Welcome*, which is Inough to the wise,
and as good as a hundred, you knowe. This is my day !
my Lords, and my ladye, howe like you my boy ? is't not
a goodlye boy ? I sayd his name would be Charles when
30 I look't vpon Charles wayne t'other night, hee's borne
vnder that starre, I ha' giuen measure i'faith ; hee'l
proue a pricker (and god will) by one priuie marke that
I founde about him ! Would you had such another, my
Lord Gossips, euerye one of you, and as like the father.
35 O what a glad woman, and a proude should I bee, to be
seene at home with you vpon the same occasion !

Dugges. Come, come : neuer put for it, woman, I knowe
my place : It is before, and I would not haue you mistake
it.

- 40 *Kecks.* Then belike my place is behinde.

Dugges. Bee it where it wooll, that will appeare.

Hold. How now, what's the matter with you two ?

Dugges. Why, M^{rs} Kecks, the drye nurse, striu's to haue
place of mee.

- 45 *Kecks.* Yes, M^{rs} Dugges, I doe indeede.

Holdbacke. What ? afore the Prince, (are you so vnruide,
and vnciuill ?)

Kecks. Why not afore the Prince, (worshipt might he bee)
I desire noe better a Iudge.

- 50 *Hol<d>backe.* No ? and my Lord Chancerye heare, doe you
knowe what you say ? Goe too, Nurse, ha' donne, let the
Musicke ha' their play. You haue made a ioyfull house
heere i'faith, the glad ladye within i'th S<t>rawe, I hope,
has thanked you for her littell Carle : the little Christian,
55 such a comfortable daye as this, will eue'n make the
father redye to make aduenture f<or> another, in my Con-

27 hundred knowe, day ? 28 ladye] ladies, G 'ist 30
to'ther 31, 53 i'faith 32 prove priue 33 him ? would
another 34 euerye 36 occasion ; Dugges : Come 37 never it
39 it ; Kecks : then 40 behinde ; Dugges : 41 appeare Holde :
how now whats 42 two ; Dugges : why M^{rs} Kecks : 44 mee
Kecks : yes 45 indeede ; Holdbacke : what ? 47 vnciuill ?
Kecks : why 49 Iudge ; Holbacke : 51 goe Nurse ha
donne 52 ha play ? you 53 I'th hope 56 aduenture
ture another

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science ; Sing sweetlye, I pray you, and you haue a good
brest, out with't for my lords Credit.

Songe:·

If nowe as Merrye you could bee, 60
as you are welcome heere,
Who wayte would haue no tyme to see
the meannes of the Cheere.

But you that deigne the place and Lord,
soe much of bounty', and grace, 65
Reade not the banquet, on his boorde,
but that within his face :

Where if by ingaging of his harte,
he yet could set forth more,
The world would scarce afford a parte, 70
of such imagin'de store.

All had bin had that could bee wisht,
vpon so ritch a pawne,
Were it Ambrosia to bee disht
Or Nectar to be drawne. 75

Duggs. Howe, dame ? a dry nurs better then a wet nurse ?

Keckes. I, is not sommer better then winter ?

Dugges. O, you dreame of a dry Summer.

Kecks. And you are soe wet, you are the worse againe ; doe
you remember my Lady *Kicking-vps* childe that you gaue 80
such a bleach to, was neuer cleere since ?

Dugges. That was my Lady *Kicking-vps* owne doinge (you
dry chippe, you) and not myne.

57 sweetlye have 62 see, 64 Lord. 65 grace. 66 boorde.
68 by' engaging G. 74 were it ambrosia 76-218 *In the MS.*
a series of irregular paragraphs, with the speakers' names in larger hand-
writing. 76 Duggs. Howe corrected from an original Hold : 77
Keckes : I 78 Dugges : O you] originally your, but the scribe
rubbed the last letter with his finger, leaving a blur. 79 Kecks : and
again, 80 kicking-vps 81 never since Dugges 82
Kicking-vps. 83 chippe myne, Twas originally, corrected to
myne : Twas, and the name of Kecks inserted in the margin.

Kecks. 'Twas yours, m^{rs} wetter, and you shronke i'th wet-
 85 ting for it, if you bee remembred, for shee turnd you
 away, I am sure. Wet moones, you knowe, were euer
 good weede-springers.

Duggs. My moone's no wetter then thyne, gooddye Cawdle-
 maker; you for makinge of costlye Cawdles, as good a
 90 Nurse as I!

Hold. Whye, can I carrie no swaye? noe stroke amonge
 you? will you open your selues thus, & lett euerie one
 enter into your secrets? shall they take it vp betweene
 you? a Gods name proffer it to 'em: I am nobodye, I: I
 95 knowe nothinge. I am a midwife of this month, I: I
 neuer helde a ladyes backe till now, you thinke.

Dugges. Wee neuer thought so, M^{rs} *Holdbacke*.

Holdbacke. Goe too, you doe thinke so vpon the poynt, and
 say as much i' your behauiour. Who, I pray you, pro-
 100 uided your places for you; was't not I? When vpon the
 first vewe of my ladyes breasts, and an inspection, of what
 past from her, with the white wine, and the Opall
 cloud, and my suffumigation, I told her Ladyshippe
 at first shee was spedd; and then vpon her paine, so
 105 after drinkinge the meade, and Hidromell, I assur'd her
 it was soe without all peraduenture, I knowe nothinge?
 After this, when my lord was deportunate with mee to
 knowe my opinion whether it was a boy or a girle, that
 her ladyshipp went withall, I had not my sig[h]nes, and
 110 my prognosticks about me, as the goodness of her lady-
 ships complection, the Coppidness of her belly on the
 right side, the lyinge of it so high in the Cabinet, to pro-
 nounce it a boy? nor I could not saye, and assure, vpon
 the difference of the papps, when the right brest grewe

84 'Twas yours 86 away sure, wet moones you knowe . . .
 weede springers Duggs my *omitted originally and written in between the*
lines. ever 88 moones thyne Cawdle maker, 90 I.
 91 *Hold:* whye 92 you, will 94 you, nobodye 95 month
 I I 96 thinke: *Dugges:* wee 97 *Holdbacke.* *Holdback:*
 goe too 99 i'] I behauiour, who I pray you provided 100
 wast when 104 spedd? 106 without *correcting an original*
 with. peraduenture, 107 this 109 wth all, 110 me.
 As ladyships,

harder, the Nipple red, risinge like a strawberrye, the 115
milke white and thicke, and standinge in pearles vpon
my nayle, the Glasse and the slike-stone, a boy for my
money; nor when the milke dissolu'd not in water, nor
scattred, but sunke; a boy still; no, vppon the very
day of my Ladyes labour, when the wiues came in, I 120
offerd no wagers, not the odds, I? three to one? haueinge
obseru'd the Moone the Night before, and her Ladyship
sett her right foote, foremost, the right pulse, beate
quicker, and stronger, and her right eye, growne, and
sparklinge, I assure your Lordshippe, I offerd to hold 125
M^r Doctor a discretion, it was a boye: and if his doctor-
shippe had layd with mee, and venturde, his worshippe
had lost his discretion.

Kecks. Why, M^r, heer's nobodye calls your skill in ques-
tion, wee knowe that you can tell when a woman goes 130
with a Timpanie, the Mole, or the Moone Calfe.

Holdback. I, and whether it be, the fleshe Mole, or the winde
Mole, or the water Mole, I thanke god, and our M^r
Nature, shee is gods Chambermayde, and the Midwife is
hers; wee can examine virginitie, and friggiditye, the 135
sufficienc*(i)*e, and Capabilitye of the persons; by our
places, we trye all the Conclusions. Manye a good thinge,
passes through the Midwifes hand, manye a merrye tale
by her mouth, manye a Gladd cupp through her lippes,
shee is a leader of wiues, the lady of light harts, and the 140
queene of the Gossipps.

Kecks. But what is this to vs, M^r *Holdback*? the which is
the better nurse, the wet or the drye?

Hold. Nay, that make an end betweene your selves, I am
sure I am drye with talking to you, giue me a cuppe of 145
hippocrasse.

Dugges. Whye, see there nowe whether drynesse bee not a

115 strawberrye	117 slide stone, <i>correcting an original slike</i>
stone, <i>which is probably right.</i>	119 no 121 odds one, 123
pulse 127 worshippe,	129 why M ^r s heers 131 Calfe
132 <i>Holdback</i> : I winde Mole	133 mole. I 134 nature 136
persons, 137 Conclusions, Manye	141 Gossipps; <i>Kecks</i> : 142
vs <i>Hold-back.</i> 143 drye,	144 <i>Hold</i> : Nay 147 <i>Dugges</i> whye

defect, out of her owne mouth, that shee is fayne to call
for moysture, to wet her. Does not the inf[a]i[n]t doe soe,
150 when it would sucke ? what stills the childe when it's drye,
but the teat ?

Kecks. But when it is wett, i'th blanckets, with your super-
fluties, what quiets it then ? It is not the two bottles at
the brests, that when you haue emptied, you doe nothing
155 but drinke to fill againe, will do't ! It is the openinge of
him, and bathinge of him, and the washinge, and the
clensing, and especiallye, the dryinge, that nourishes the
childe ; clensing his eyes, and nostrills, wiping his eares,
fashioninge his head, with strokinge it betweene the
160 hands, clapping a peece of scarlett on his mole, forminge
his mouth for kissinge againe he come at age, carefull
layinge his leggs, and armes straight, and swat'hinge 'em
so iustlye, as his mothers maides maye leape at him,
when he bounces out on his blanc'kets. These are the
165 offices of a nurse, a true nurse. What beautie would euer
behold him hereafter, if I nowe, by negligence of bynd-
inge, should either make him crumpe shouldred, crookd
legde, splay footed, or by carelesse placing the Candle in
a light, should send him forth into the world with a payre
170 of false eyes ? Noe, 'tis the Nurse, and by exelence the
drye nurse, that giues him fashionable feete, legges, hands,
mouth, eyes, Nose, or what euer in member else, is accept-
able to ladyes.

Dugges. Naye, there you wronge M^{rs} Holdback, for it is shee
175 that giues him measure, I'me sure.

Hold. I, and I'le Iustifye his measure.

Dugges. And what increases that measure but his milke,
his suckinge, and his battninge ?

Kecks. Yes, and your eatinge, and drinkinge to get more ?

149 her, does 151 teat ; *Kecks* : but 152 wett ? 153
then, it 155 do't ? 157 Especiallye 158 clensing] clearing G.
164 blanc'kets 165 nurse a nurse, what ever 166 nowe
negligence, 169 forth] omitted originally in MS. 170 Noe tis
172 ever 174 Naye 175 sure ; I and with the name Hold :
added in the margin. 176 measure, *Dugges* : 178 battninge,
Kecks : yes,

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your decoctions, and Cawdles, spurginge, bathinge, and 180
boxinge your Brests, thou misproud creature, I am
asham'd on thee.

Dugges. Howe enuiously shee talkes, as if anye neerer, or
nobler office, could bee done the Childe then to feede him,
or anie more necessarye, and carefull, then to encrease 185
that which is his nutriment, from both which I am trulye,
and principallye named his nurse.

Kecks. Principallie? O the pride o' thy Pappes: would
I were the ague i' thy brests, for thy sake, to bore 'em as
full of holes as a Cullender! As if there were no nutri- 190
ment but thy milke, or nothings could nurse a chylde,
but suckinge; why if there were noe milke in nature, is
there no other foode? howe were my ladye prouided else
against your goinge to men (if the toy should take you)
and the corruption of your milke that way? 195

Duggs. Howe? I goe to man? and corrupt my Milke?
thou dryed eeles skin!

Kecks. Yet, M^{rs} wet-eele-by-the-tayle, if you haue a minde
to it, such a thinge has bin donne.

Dugges. I defye thee, I: thou onion-eater, and now I thinke 200
on't, my lady shall knowe of your close dyet, your cheese,
and chibbols, with your fresh trype, and garlicke in priuate,
it makes a sweete perfume i'th nurcerye, as if you had
swallowed (Sir reuerence). Ah, 'tis pittye such a one,
should euer come, about any good bodyes childe; thou'lt 205
stifle it with thy breath one of theis mornings.

Kecks. Indeede, you had like to haue ouerlayd it, the other
night, and preuented its Christendome, if I had not lookt
vnto you, when you came soe bedewed out of the wine
seller, and so watred your Couche that to saue your credit 210

180 spurginge yee <i>Dugges</i> : howe enuiously 189 i'] I i' thy) 196 <i>Duggs</i> <i>Dugges</i> thee 202 private, <i>Kecks</i> :	181 boxinge] <i>oringially</i> your boxinge. 190 Cullender, as 193 foode, provided 197 skin; <i>Kecks</i> yet onion eater, 204 reverence) ah tis over layd	182 187 nurse, <i>Kecks</i> : Principallis? 191 thy] <i>originally</i> I thy (<i>i.e.</i> 194 you, and wet eele by the tayle, 201 on't cheese, G: cheere, <i>MS.</i> 206 thei's 208 prevented
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with my Lady next morninge, you were glad to laye it,
vpon your innocent bedfellowe, and slander him to his
mother, howe plentifullye hee had suckt : This was none
o' your drye leasts nowe, this was a soker.

- 215 *Holdbacke.* I, by <my> fayth was't. And you ouerflowe
soe, it's euen tyme to stop the breach, and pack you both
hence, get you in ; heere comes a wise man will tell vs
another Tale :

A Mathematician.

- 220 'Tis cleere, in heauen all good aspects agree
To bless with wonder, this Natiuitie,
But what neede this, soe farre, our starre extend,
When heare a starre shines, that doth farre transcend,
In all beneuolence, and swayes more powre
225 To rule his whole lyfe then the starre his howre ?
For in a prince, are all things, since they all,
To him, as to their end in Nature, fall,
As from him, being their fount, all are produced,
Heaue<n>s right through his, where <'ere> he rules, diffused.
230 This childe then from his bountye shall receiue
Iudgment in all things, what to take or leaue,
Matter to speake, and sharpenes to dispute,
Of euerye action both the roote and f<r>uite,
Truly foreseeinge in his each fit deede,
235 Wisdom t'attempt, and spirit to proceede,
In mirth ingenious hee shall bee, in game
Hee shall gayne fauour, in things serious, fame.
Discentions shall hee shunne, and peace pursue,
Friendships by frayltyes broke, hee shall renewe,
240 Vertue by him shall gaine againe her youth
And ioy as much therein, as in her truth.

211 morninge	214 o	215 <i>Holdbacke:</i> I	wast, and	over
flowe	216 soe	even	220 Tis	222 farre
when	224 in all	beneuolence,	225 howre.	227 him
Nature	228 being,	229 where'er G.	rules defused,	230
receiue,	233 euerye	236 bee	game,	237 hee
239 frendships	240 vertue	241 and	truth,	

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All helpes chances, hee shall free indure,
And perils past, at length surviue secure.
This is the songe wherwith his fates are full,
That spin his threede, out of the whitest wooll. 245

Songe:•

A Battle, a battle, o that you had bin,
To ha' seene but the delicate sport is within,
And howe the two nurses doe rore,
The drye nurse shee sweares, 250
To haue the wet by the eares,
And in fellowshippe calleth her whore,
And sayth shee will pay her her score.
Nowe the wet-nurse doth water the place,
And while they doe iangle, 255
The midwife doth wrangle,
And is very neere in the same case,
Shee <s>purgeth,
Shee vrgeth,
And layes them the lawe. 260
They fight,
And they bite,
And not waye her a strawe.
Then of goeth her graue veluet hatt
And vp comes her tayle. 265
I, and rather then fayle,
Shee lets flye at them both with that,
And her Drumme it goes twiddle dum twat,
But they heate her with manye a thumpe,
And nowe to asswage 270
The height of her rage,
They are coolinge her downe at the pompe.

242 all	indure	243 secure,	245 wooll :	248 ha
250 the	251 to	253 and	score,	254 nowe
and	256 the	257 and	258 spurgeth, G.	255 bite
265 and	268 goes,	269 but	thumpe	271 the

*In the hall by watermen**Songe:·*

275 They say it is merrye when Gossips doe meete.
 and more to confirme it, in vs you maye see't,
 for wee haue well tasted your wine in the streete,
 and yet wee make shift to stand on our feete.

As soone as wee heard the Prince would be heere,
 280 wee knewe by his comming wee should haue good cheere.
 A Boy for my ladye then euerye yeere,
 crye wee, for a Girle will afforde vs but beere.

Nowe, Lucke, wee beseeche thee that all things may stande,
 with my ladyes good likinge, that my Lord takes in hande,
 285 that still theire come gossips, the best in the land,
 to make the Black Fryars compare with the Strande,

That wee maye saye,
 another day,
 my lord be thanked,
 290 wee had such a banquet,
 at Charles his Christning,
 was worth the lystning.

After a yeare
 and a day, for, I feare,
 295 wee shall not see
 the like will bee,
 to sample hee,
 while wee know the Thames,
 Vnles't bee a Iames.

276 it	you	<i>written originally before</i>	in vs	278 feete,
280 cheere,	281 A boy	euerye	282 wee	283 Now
lucke	284 likinge	285 gossips	286 blacke fryars	
strande,	293 yeare,	294 day for	295 see,	298
Thames	299 Vnlest			

THE MASQUE OF OWLS

THE TEXT

First printed in the *Folio* of 1640 in the *Masque* section on signatures S 1 and 2, pages 125–8.

THE MASQUE
OF
OWLES
AT
KENELWORTH.

Presented by the Ghost of Captaine *Coxe*
mounted in his Hobby-horse.

1624.

CAP. COXE.

R Oome, roome, for my Horse will wince,
If he come within so many yards of a Prince,
And though he have not on his wings,
He will doe strange things. 5
He is the *Pegasus* that uses
To waite on *Warwick* Muses ;
And on gaudy-dayes he paces
Before the *Coventrie* Graces ;
For to tell you true, and in rime, 10
He was foald in *Q. Elizabeths* time,
When the great Earle of *Lester*
In this Castle did feast her.
Now, I am not so stupid
To thinke, you thinke me a *Cupid* ; 15
Or a *Mercurie*, that sit him :
Though these Cocks here would fit him.

- But a spirit very civill,
 Neither Poets God, nor Devill,
 20 An old *Kenelworth* Fox,
 The Ghost of Captaine *Cox*,
 For which I am the bolder,
 To weare a Cock on each shoulder.
 This Captaine *Cox*, by St. *Mary*,
 25 Was at *Bullen* with King *Hary* ;
 And (if some doe not vary)
 Had a goodly library,
 By which he was discerned
 To be one of the learned,
 30 To entertaine the Queene here,
 When last she was seene here.
 And for the Towne of *Coventrie*
 To act to her soveraigntie.
 But so his lot fell out,
 35 That serving then afoot,
 And being a little man ;
 When the skirmish began
 'Twixt the *Saxon*, and the *Dane*,
 (For thence the storie was ta'ne)
 40 Hee was not so well seene
 As he would have beene o' the Queene.
 Though his sword were twice so long
 As any mans else in the throng ;
 And for his sake, the Play
 45 Was call'd for the second day.
 But he made a vow
 (And he performes it now)
 That were he alive, or dead,
 Hereafter, it should never be sed
 50 But *Cap. Cox* would serve on horse
 For better or for worse,

If any Prince came hither.
And his horse should have a feather ;
Nay, such a Prince it might be,
Perhaps he should have three. 55

Now, Sir (in your approach
The rumbling of your Coach
Awaking me, his Ghost)
I come to play your Host ;
And feast your eyes and eares, 60
Neither with Dogs, nor Beares,
Though that have beene a fit
Of our maine shire-wit,
In times heretofore,
But now, we have got a little more. 65

These then that we present
With a most loyall intent
And (as the Author saith)
No ill meaning to the Catholique faith,
Are not so much beasts, as Fowles, 70
But a very Nest of Owles,
And naturall, so thrive I,
I found them in the Ivy,
A thing, that though I blundred at,
It may in time be wondred at, 75
If the place but affords
Any store of lucky birds,
As I make 'em to flush
Each Owle out of his bush.

Now, these Owles (some say) were men, 80
And they may be so agen,
If once they endure the light
Of your highnesse sight :
For Bank-rupts, we have knowne,
Rise to more then their owne, 85

53 feather ;] feather *F* : Feather ; *F*3 54 be,] be *F* 56
approach] approach *F*3 58 his] (his *F* 63 maine shire-wit]
maine-shire wit *F* 81 so agen] soagen *F* 84 knowne,]
knowne *F* 85 owne,] owne. *F*

With a little-little savour
 Of the Princes favour ;
 But, as you like their tricks,
 I'll spring 'em, they're but six.

90 Hey, Owle first.

This Bird is *London* bred,
 As you may see by his horn'd head.
 And had like to have beene ta'ne
 At his shop in Ivy-lane,
 95 Where he sold by the peney
 Tobacco, as good as any ;
 But, whether it did provoke
 His conscience, he sold smoke ;
 Or some other toy he tooke,
 100 Towards his calling to looke :
 He fled by Moone-shine thence ;
 And broke for sixteene pence.

Hey, Owle second.

This too, the more is the pittie,
 105 Is of the breed, of the same Citie,
 A true Owle of *London*
 That gives out he is undone,
 Being a Cheese-monger,
 By trusting two of the younger
 110 Captaines, for the hunger
 Of their halfe-starr'd number ;
 Whom since they have shipt away :
 And left him God to pay,
 With those eares for a badge
 115 Of their dealing with his Madge.

Hey, Owle third.

A pure native Bird
 This, and though his hue
 Be not *Coventrie*-blue,

87 favour ;] favour, *F*
 bred *F* 93 ta'ne] tane *F*

89 they're] they are *F*
 94 Ivy] Jvy *F*

91 bred,]
 104 pittie,] pittie *F*

Yet is he undone 120
 By the thred he has spunne,
 For since the wise towne
 Has let the sports downe
 Of May-games, and Morris,
 For which he right sorry is : 125
 Where their Maides, and their Makes,
 At dancings, and Wakes,
 Had their Napkins, and poses,
 And the wipers for their noses,
 And their smocks all-be-wrought 130
 With his thred which they bought :
 It now lies on his hands,
 And having neither wit, nor lands,
 Is ready to hang, or choke him,
 In a skeyne of that, that broke him. 135

Hey, Owle fourth.

 Was once a Bankrupt of worth ;
 And having run a shifting race
 At last by money, and grace,
 Got him a Serjeants place, 140
 And to be one of Chace.
 A full fortnight was not spent,
 But out comes the Parliament,
 Takes away the use of his Mace,
 And left him in a worse, then his first case. 145

Hey, Owle the fift.

 But here was a defeat,
 Never any so great,
 Of a *Don*, a Spanish Reader,
 Who had thought to have bin the Leader 150
 (Had the Match gon on)
 Of our Ladyes one by one,
 And triumpht our whole Nation,
 In his *Rodomant* fashion :

129 noses,] noses. F

131 bought :] bought, F

- 155 But now since the breach,
 He has not a Scholler to teach.
Hey, Owle sixt.
 The Bird bringer-up is a Knight,
 But a passionate wight,
 160 Who, since the Act against swearing,
 (The tale 's worth your hearing)
 In this short times growth
 Hath at twelve pence an oath
 (For that (I take it) is the rate)
 165 Sworne himselfe out of his estate.

The third varied.

- A Crop-eard Scrivener, this,
 Who when he heard but the whis-
 per of moneys to come downe,
 170 Fright got him out of Towne
 With all the Bills and Bands
 Of other mens in his hands,
 And cry'd, who will, drive the trade,
 Since such a Law they had made :
 175 It was not he that broke,
 Two i'the hundred spoke.
 Nor car'd he for the curse,
 He could not heare much worse,
 He had his eares in his purse.

- 180 *The End.*

158 Bird bringer-up] Bird-bringer up *F*
 164 (For] For *F* rate)] rate. *F* : Rate, *F3*
 175 broke,] broke. *F*

163 oath] oath ; *F*
 173 will, *G* : will *F*

THE KING'S ENTERTAINMENT
AT WELBECK

THE TEXT

Copies of this and of the companion piece, *Love's Welcome at Bolsover*, made for the Earl of Newcastle, are preserved in Harley MS. 4955. They were evidently taken from Jonson's manuscript at the time of the performance. *The Entertainment at Welbeck* is on folios 194-8.

It was printed for the first time in the Folio of 1640 at the end of the *Underwoods* on signatures Nn 4 verso to Oo 4 verso, pages 272-80, with the running-title '*The Vnder-wood*'.

In the acting-copy Jonson had noted in the margin some of the stage-directions and the description of the costumes. The Manuscript preserves these in this form. Thus, the account of the 'old Records' pasted on the tabard of Humphrey Fitz-Ale (ll. 53-61), and the description of the country bride dressed 'like an old *May-Lady*' (ll. 244-6) are marginal notes, not part of the text, as they appear in the Folio after Jonson had revised them with an eye to publication. The opening Chorus (ll. 27-36) has the parts distributed among the three singers; and lines 239-42 are also distributed among four speakers, though apparently there are only two.

There are a few differences between the text of the Manuscript and the Folio. In lines 202-3 the former has

O well run, Yeoman Stub!
Hee has knock'd it, like a Club, . . .

The Folio printer, noticing the vocative, adjusted the second line, as he imagined, with 'Thou hast knock'd it,' thereby wrecking the grammar of the rest of the stanza—

And made Sir *Quintin* know
By this his race so good,
He himselfe is also wood;
As by his furious blow.

Before line 118 the Manuscript supplies the speaker's name,

Accidence, which the Folio omits.¹ Two interesting variants are 'Liuror' for 'Colour' (l. 178)

As in the Forrest Colour scene—

and 'strings' in the sense of 'sinews' (the Latin *nervi*) in line 332, which Jonson altered to 'nerves' in the Folio. Jonson's spelling 'æquall' is preserved in the Manuscript in line 290.

In lines 183-4

FITZ. Then *Tawney* fra' the Kirke that came.

Acc. And cleped was the Abbots man.—

both texts have the false rhyme. In view of the playful suggestion about *Tawney* later, when he was thrown at the quintain (ll. 226-7), that he might hurl his hood after the kirk, it is possible that 'came' should be 'ran': he had parted with the abbot and now he can part with the hood; but perhaps the joke is too obscure to base a conjecture upon it.

The Manuscript has from time to time clear traces of Jonson's punctuation. We have accepted this evidence, but we have not recorded errors and omissions.

Our text is based upon the Folio.

¹ On the other hand the MS. omits 'FITZ' before l. 217.

THE KINGS
ENTERTAINMENT
AT *WELBECK*
IN
NOTTINGHAM-SHIRE,
A house of the Right Honourable, WILLIAM
Earle of *Newcastle*, Vicount *Mansfield*, Baron of
Botle, and *Bolsover*, &c.
At his going into *Scotland*.
1633.

His Mat^{tie} being set at Dinner,

A Song was sung:

A Dialogue betweene the *Passions*,
Doubt and *Love*.

D O U B T. **W**hat softer sounds are these salute the Eare 5
From the large Circle of the Hemispheare,
As if the Center of all sweets met here ?

L O V E. It is the breath, and Soule of every thing,
Put forth by Earth, by Nature, and the Spring,
To speake the Welcome, Welcome of the King. 10

Title in N. Ben. Jonson ; ~ | *The Kings Entertainement* | at Welbeck.
1633. G. prefixes ' Love's Welcome. | The King's Entertainment . . . '
with running title ' Love's Welcome at Welbeck '. 2-4 A Song . . .
Love.] Music : *The Passions, Doubt and Love, enter with the Affections,*
Joy, Delight, etc. and sing this Song. G 6 Hemispheare,] *Hemi-*
sphere ? N 7 here ?] here ! F 8 every] eu'ry N 9
Spring,] Spring ! N

- CHORVS, *The joy of plants, the spirit of flowers,*
 Of *The smell, and verdure of the bowers,*
 Affections, *The waters murmure ; with the showers*
 Joy, *Distilling on the new-fresh howers :*
 Delight, &c. *The whistling winds, and birds, that sing*
 15 *The Welcome of our great, good King.*
Welcome, O Welcome, is the generall voyce,
Wherein all Creatures practize to rejoyce.

The second Straine.

- 20 LOVE. **W**hen was old Sherewood's head more quaintly
curl'd ?
Or look'd the Earth more greene upon the world ?
Or Natures Cradle more inchas'd, and pur'l'd ?
When did the Aire so smile, the Winds so chime,
As Quiristers of Season, and the Prime ?
 25 DOU. *If what they doe, be done in their due time.*

CHORVS.

- Hee makes the time for whom 'tis done,*
From whom the warmth, heat, life, begun,
Into whose fostring armes doe run
 30 *All that have being from the Sun.*
Such is the fount of light, the King,
The heart, that quickens ev'ry thing,
And makes the Creatures language all one voyce ;
In Welcome, Welcome, Welcome, to rejoyce :
 35 *Welcome is all our Song, is all our sound,*
The Treble part, the Tenor, and the Ground.

11 The] 1. The N plants,] plants. F: Plants. N the spirit] The spirit F: 2 The spirit N flowers,] Flowers! N (margin) CHORVS,] CHORVS. F Joy,] Joy. F 12 The] 3. The N bowers,] Bowers! N 13 The] 1. The N murmure ; with] murmur. 2. With N showers.] Showers! N 14 howers :] Howers! N (margin) &c.] Jollity N 15 The] 3. The N 17 Welcome,] All: Welcome N 19 The second Straine.] A pause. Music again. G 20 quaintly] quaintly N 23 chime,] chime ? F 24 Prime ?] Prime ! F 27 'tis] 't is F 33 voyce ;] Voice N: Voice, F3 36 Treble] Treble- N

The King's Entertainment at Welbeck. 793

After Dinner.

THE King, and the Lords being come downe, and ready to take horse, in the Crowd were discover'd two notorious persons, and men of businesse, as by their eminent 40 dressing, and habits did soone appeare.

One in a costly Cassock of black Buckram girt unto him, whereon was painted *Party-per-pale* :

On the one side.

On the other side.

Noune.	Declined.	} {	Adverbe.	Undeclined.	45
Pronoune.			Conjunction.		
Verbe.			Præposition.		
Participle.			Interjection.		

With his Hatt, Hat-band, Stockings, and Sandals suted, and mark'd *A.B.C.* &c. 50

The other in a Taberd, or Heralds Coat, of *Azure* and *Gules* quarterly chang'd, of Buckram ; limn'd with yellow, in stead of Gold, and pasted over with old Records of the two Shires, and certaine fragments of the Forrest, as a Coat of *Antiquitie*, and *President*, willing to be seene, but hard to 55 be read, and as loth to be understood, without the Interpreter, who wore it : For the wrong end of the letters were turn'd upward, therefore was a labell fix'd to, *To the Curious Prier*, advertising :

Looke not so neere, with hope to understand ; 60
Out-cept, Sir, you can read with the left hand.

38 King, . . . Lords] *The King, the Lords, and Courtiers*, N 39 in] In F 40 persons, and men] *persons, whose names were Accidence and Fitzale, men* G 43 *Party-per-pale* N : *Party-per pale* F 46 Declined.] declined F 49 Hat-band not in N Stockings] Stocking F3 50 mark'd N : marked, F 51 other] other was N Coat, of *Azure* F3 : Coat of *Azure*, F 52 chang'd,] chang'd F limn'd] Limn'd F 53 Records] * Records N, which has a marginal note, * With Records were pasted on with the wrong-way vpward, and this Labell annexed. | *To the Curious Prier.* | Looke not so neare, with hope to vnderstand | Out-cept you can read with the left hand. 55 hard N, F3 : heard F 57 it:] it. N, which ends the speech here. 58 to om. G 59 advertising] advertising F 61 Sir, not in N

Their Names were,
Accidence, Fitz-Ale.

65 ACCI. **B**Y your faire leave, Gentlemen of Court ; for
leave is ever faire, being ask'd ; and granted,
is as light, according to our English Proverbe, *Leave is light*.
Which is the *King*, I pray you ?

FITZ. Or rather the *Kings* Lieutenant ? For we have
nothing to say to the *King*, till we have spoken with my
70 Lord Lieutenant.

ACC. Of *Nottinghamshire*.

FITZ. And *Darbyshire*, for he is both. And we have
businesse to both sides of him, from either of the Counties.

ACC. As farre as his Command stretches.

75 FITZ. Is this he ?

ACC. This is no great man by his *timber* (as we say i'
the Forrest) by his *thewes* he may. I'll venture a Part of
Speech, two, or three at him ; to see how hee is declin'd.
My Lord, pleaseth your good Lordship, I am a poore
80 Neighbour, here, of your Honours, i' the Countie.

FITZ. M^r. *A-B-Cee Accidence*, my good Lord, Schoole-
master of *Mansfield*, the painfull Instructor of our Youth
in their Countrey elements, as appeareth by the signe of
correction, in his hat, with the trust of the Towne-Pen-and-
85 Inkehorne, committed to the Sure-tie of his Girdle, from the
whole Corporation.

ACC. This is the more remarkeable man, my very good
Lord ; Father *Fitz-ale*, Herald of *Darbie*, Light, and Lan-
thorne of both Counties ; the learned *Antiquarie* o' the
90 North : Conserver of the Records of either Forrest, as
witnesseth the briefe Tabard, or Coat Armour he carries,
being an industrious Collection of all the written, or reported
Wonders of the *Peake*.

62-3 *Their . . . Fitz-Ale.*] The Persons Names were | *A: B: Cee,*
Accidence | *Humphrey Fitz-Ale.* N: om. G 64 faire leave,] faire
leave F 65 faire, N: faire F granted, F3: granted F, N 67
King,] King F 68 Lieutenant] Lieutenant N 73 him, N:
him F 76 i'] in N 79 pleaseth] Pleaseth F 80 Honours]
honors N 87 very good not in N 88 Father] *Humphrey* N

The King's Entertainment at Welbeck. 795

	Saint <i>Anne</i> of <i>Buxstons</i> boyling Well,	
	Or <i>Elden</i> , bottomlesse, like Hell :	95
	<i>Pooles-hole</i> , or <i>Satans</i> sumptuous Arse,	
	(Surreverence) with the Mine-mens Farce.	
	Such a light, and metall'd Dance	
	Saw you never yet in <i>France</i> .	
	And by Lead-men, for the nones,	100
	That turne round like grindlestones :	
	Which they dig out fro' the Delves,	
	For their Bairnes-bread, Wives, and selves :	
	Whom the Whetstone sharpes to eat,	
	And cry, Milstones are good meat.	105
	He can flie o're hills, and dales,	
	And report you more odde tales	
	Of our Outlaw <i>Robin-Hood</i> ,	
	That revell'd here in <i>Sherewood</i> ;	
	And more stories of him show	110
	(Though he ne're shot in his Bow)	
	Then au' men, or beleeve, or know.	
F I T Z.	Stint, stint your Court,	
	Grow to be short,	
	Throw by your Clatter,	115
	And handle the matter :	
	We come with our Peeres,	
(A c c.)	And crave your eares,	
	To present a Wedding,	
	Intended a bedding,	120
	Of both the Shires.	
	Father <i>Fitz-ale</i>	
	Hath a Daughter stale	
	In <i>Darbie-Towne</i> ,	
	Knowne, up, and downe	125
95	<i>Elden</i> , N, F3: <i>Elden</i> F	99 never yet] neuer, yet, N 100
nones N: nonce F	102 Delves] delues N: dells G	103 selves
Editor: sell's N, F: sel's G	105 cry, F3: cry F	Milstones] Milne-
stones N	107 tales] tales, F	108 <i>Robin-Hood</i> ,] <i>Robin-Hood</i>
N: <i>Robinhood</i> F	109 revell'd here] reuel'd, here, N	111
Bow] bow N: Bow. F	112 au' men] au-men N	113 stint
N: stint, F	115 Throw] Through N	118 Acc.] Acc: N

For a g⟨r⟩eat Antiquitie :
 And *Pem* she hight,
 A solemne Wight,
 As you should meet
 130 In any street,
 In that Ubiquitie.
 Her, he hath brought
 As having sought
 By many a draught
 135 Of Ale, and Craft,
 With skill to graft
 In some old Stock
 O' the Yeoman block,
 And Forrest-blood,
 140 Of old *Sherewood*.
 And he hath found,
 Within the ground,
 At last, no Shrimpe,
 Whereon to impe
 145 His jolly Club,
 But a bold Stub
 O' the right wood,
 F I T Z. A Champion good ;
 Who here in place,
 150 Presents himselfe,
 Like doughtie Elfe,
 Of *Greenwood* Chase.

Here *Stub* the Bridegroom presented himselfe, being apparelled in a yellow Canvas Doublet, cut, a greene Jerkin,
 155 and Hose, like a Ranger, a Munmouth Cap, with a yellow

126 great *N*, *F*3 127 hight, *N*, *F*3: hight *F* 128 Wight,]
 weight, *N*: Wight *F* 133 As] (As *N* 135 Craft, *N*, *F*3: Craft; *F*
 137 Stock] stocke, *N*: Stock, *F* 140 Of] *O* *N* *Sherewood*.]
Sheerewood.) *N* 141 found, *N*: found *F* 143 last, *N*: last
F 144 impe *N*: impe, *F* 147 wood—*N*: wood, *F* 149
 Who here] who, here, *N* 152 *Greenwood* Chase] *Greenwood*-
 chase *N* 153-7 A marginal note in *N* at l. 148 153 Here . . .
 apparelled] *Stub*; the Bridegroom *N* 155 Ranger; a *N*: Ranger.
 A *F* Munmouth] Mumouth *N*: Monmouth *F*3

The King's Entertainment at Welbeck. 797

Feather, yellow Stockings, and Shooes, for being to dance,
he would not trouble himself with Bootes.

(F I T Z.) *Stub*, of *Stub-hall*,
Some doe him call ;
But most doe say, 160
Hee's *Stub*, will stay
To run his race,
Not run away.

A c c. At *Quintin*, hee,
In honour of this Bridaltee, 165
Hath challeng'd either wide Countee ;
Come *Cut*, and *Long-tail*. For there be
Sixe Batchelers, as bold as hee,
Adjuting to his Companee,
And each one hath his Liverie. 170

F I T Z. Sixe *Hoods* they are, and of the blood,
They tell, of ancient *Robin-Hood*.

Here the sixe *Hoods* presented themselves severally, in
their Livory Hoods, whil'st *Fitz-ale* spoke on.

	<i>Red-hood</i> , the first that doth appeare,	Red-hood.
	In Stamel. A c c. Scarlet is too deare.	176
F I T Z.	Then <i>Green-hood</i> . A c. He's in <i>Kendal Green</i> ,	Green-hood.
	As in the Forrest Colour seene.	
F I T Z.	Next <i>Blew-hood</i> is, and in that hue	Blew-hood.
	Doth vaunt a heart as pure, and true	180
	As is the Skie ; (give him his due.)	
A c c.	Of old <i>England</i> the Yeoman blew.	
F I T Z.	Then <i>Tawney</i> fra' the Kirke that came.	Tawney-hood.
A c c.	And cleped was the Abbots man.	184
F I T Z.	With <i>Motley-hood</i> , the Man of Law.	Motley-hood.
A c c.	And <i>Russet-hood</i> keepes all in Awe.	Russet-hood.

157 would] wou'd N 158 *Stub*, N: *Stub* F 160 say, N: say F
161 stay] stay; N, F 163 away. N: away F 170 his
Liverie.] his Liverie; F: a Liuror. N 171 N prefixes in the
margin 'Sixe hoods:'. 172 tell, F3: tell N, F *Robin-Hood* N:
Robinhood F 173-4 not in N, which ends the marginal notes 'Each
in his Liuror' 175 *Red-hood*,] *Red-hood* F first] first, N ap-
peare, N: appeare F 178 Colour] Liuror N 182 Acc. not
in N 183 *Tawney*] *Tawney-hood* N came N, F: query, ran

Bold Batchelers they are, and large,
 And come in at the Countrey charge ;
 Horse, Bridles, Saddles, Stirrups, Girts,
 190 All reckon'd o' the *Countie* skirts !
 And all their Courses, misse, or hit,
 Intended are, for the *Sheere*-wit,
 And so to be receiv'd. Their game
 Is Countrey sport, and hath a name
 195 From the Place that beares the cost,
 Else, all the *Fat i' the Fire* were lost.
 Goe, Captaine *Stub*, lead on, and show
 What house you come on, by the blow
 You give Sir *Quintin*, and the Cuffe,
 200 You scape o' th' Sand-bags Counterbuffle.

Stubs Course.
 1.

A Flourish.

A c c. O well run, Yeoman *Stub* !
 Hee has knock'd it, like a Club,
 And made Sir *Quintin* know,
 205 By this his race so good,
 He himselfe is also wood ;
 As by his furious blow.

Red-hoods Course.
 2.

Flourish.

F i t z. Bravely run, *Red-hood*,
 210 There was a shock,
 To have buff'd out the blood
 From ought but a block.

Greene-hoods Course.
 3.

Flourish.

A c c. Well run, *Green-hood*, got betweene,
 215 Under the Sand-bag, he was seene,
 Lowting low, like a For'ster greene :
 F i t z. Hee knowes his tackle, and his treene.

196 Else, N : Else F 197 Goe,] Goe F 201 *A Flourish*]
Trumpett sounds. N 203 Hee has N : Thou hast F 204 know,
F3 : knowe, N : know : F 205 good, F3 : good ; N, F 206 He
himselfe] H' himselfe N 208 *Flourish.*] Sound : N (so 213, 223, 230,
236) 209 run,] run F (so 214, 224) 211 blood] blood, N 212
ought] ought, N 217 Fitz. not in N

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Flourish.

Blew-hoods Course.

A c c. Gi' the old *England* Yeoman his due,
H' has hit Sir *Quin*: just i' the *Qu*:
Though that be black, yet he is blew.
It is a brave patch, and a new!

4.

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Flourish.

Tawny-hoods Course.

F I T Z. Well run, *Tawney*, the Abbots Churle;
His Jade gave him a Jerk,
As he woul' have his Rider hurle
His Hood after the Kirke.
But he was wiser, and well beheft,
For this is all, that he hath left.

5.

225

Flourish.

Motley-hoods Course.

F I T Z. Or the Saddle turn'd round, or the Girths brake, 231
For low on the ground (wo' for his sake)
The Law is found.

6.

A c c. Had his paire of tongues, not so much good,
To keepe his head, in his *Motley*-hood?

235

Flourish.

Russet-hoods Course.

F I T Z. *Russet* ran fast, though he be throwne,
A c c. He lost no stirrup, for he had none.

7.

1. His horse, it is the Heralds weft.

2. No, 'tis a mare, and hath a cleft.

240

<1.> She is Countrey-borrow'd, and no vaile,

<2.> But 's hood is forfeit to *Fitz-ale*.

Here *Accidence* did breake them of, by calling them to the
Dance, and to the *Bride*, who was drest like an old *May*-

218 *Flourish.*] *Sound.* N 219 *Acc. not in N* 224 *FITZ. not*
in N Churle; N: Churle F 226 woul'] wou'd N 228
was] is N After 235 G adds a line 'Safe from the ground?'
237 *FITZ.*] *Acc.* N throwne,] throwne; N 238 *Acc.*] *fitz:* N
239 1.] *Fitz.* G 240 2.] *Acci.* G No,] No F mare, and] Mare: 3. and
N 241 She] 4 Shee N: 3. She F: *FITZ.* G 242 But's] *Acci.* G
243 Here . . . Dance,] Here *Accidence* breakes them of, by calling them
to the dance. N, which gives ll. 244-54 as a marginal note and continues
with l. 255 'Acc. Come to the Bride.' 244 and to . . . like] The
Bride, like N (margin)

- 245 *Lady*, with Skarfes, and a great wrought Handkerchiefe,
with red, and blew, and other habiliments. Sixe Maids
attending on her, attir'd with Buckram Bride-laces beguilt,
White sleeves, and Stammell Petticotes, drest after the
cleanliest Countrey guise; among whom Mistris *Alphabet*,
250 Master *Accidence's* Daughter, did beare a prime sway.

The two Bride Squires, the *Cake-bearer*, and the *Boll-bearer*, were in two yellow leather Doublets, and russet Hose, like two twin-Clownes prest out for that office, with Livery Hatts, and Ribbands.

- 255 A c c. Come to the Bride; another fit,
Yet show, Sirs, o' your Countrey wit,
But o' your best. Let all the Steele
Of back, and braines fall to the heele;
And all the Quick-silver i' the mine
260 Run i' the foot-veines, and refine
Your *Firk-hum*, *Ferk-hum* to a Dance,
Shall fetch the Fiddles out of *France*,
To wonder at the Horne-pipes, here,
Of *Nottingham*, and *Darbishire*.

- 265 F I T Z. With the Phant'sies of *Hey-troll*,
Trol about the Brideale Boll,
And divide the broad Bride-Cake
Round about the Brides-stake.

- A c c. With, Here is to the fruit of *Pem*,
270 F I T Z. Grafted upon *Stub* his Stem,
A c c. With the *Peakish* Nicetie,
F I T Z. And old *Sherewoods* Vicetie.

The last of which words were set to a Tune, and sung to

246-7 Sixe Maids . . . attir'd with] *Sixe Maides* with N (margin) 247
attir'd] attir'd, F beguilt, N: beguilt: F 250 did beare] beares N
Cakebearer
251-2 The two . . . in two] The two *Bride-squiers*. & } In two
Cupbearer
N (margin) 253 office] service N 255 Bride; another] Bride.
Another N 256 Sirs, not in N 259 Quick-silver] Quick-siller N
261 *Firk-hum*, *Jerk-hum*] *Firk-hum*, *Firk-hum*, N: *Firk-hum*-*Jerk-hum*
F: *Firk-hum* *Jerk-hum* F3 262 *France*, N: *France*; F 266
Brideale N: Bride-all F: Bridal F3 268 Brides-stake] Bridestake
N (So 280) 269 Here] here F 271 *Peakish*] *Peake-ish* N

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the Bagpipe, and Measure of their Dance ; the Clownes,
and companie of Spectators drinking, and eating the while. 275

The Song.

L *Et's sing about, and say, Hey-trol,*
Troll to me the Bridall Boll,
And divide the broad Bride-Cake,
Round about the Brides-stake. 280
With, Here is to the fruit of Pem,
Grafted upon Stub his stem ;
With the Peakish Nicetie,
And old Sherewoods Vicetie.
But well daunc'd, Pem, upon record, 285
Above thy Yeoman, or May-Lord.

Here it was thought necessarie they should be broken off,
by the comming in of an Officer, or servant of the *Lord*
Lieutenants, whose face had put on, with his Clothes, an
equall authoritie for the businesse. 290

Gentleman.

Give end unto your rudenesse : Know at length
Whose time, and patience you have urg'd, the *Kings* !
Whom if you knew, and truly, as you ought,
'Twould strike a reverence in you, even to blushing, 295
That *King* whose love it is, to be your Parent !
Whose Office, and whose Charge, to be your Pastor !
Whose single watch, defendeth all your sleepes !
Whose labours, are your rests ! whose thoughts and cares,
Breed you⟨r⟩ delights ! whose bus'nesse, all your leasures ! 300
And you to interrupt his serious houres,
With light, impertinent, unworthy objects,
Sights for your selves, and sav'ring your owne tast's ;
You are too blame ! Know your disease, and cure it.

281 *Here*] *Here*, F 285 *daunc'd*, Pem,] *daunc'd* Pem F 286 *or*] and
N 287 *off*] of N 289 *Lieutenants*] *Leiutenants* N 290 *equall*] *æquall*
N 293 *Kings* !] *Kings* ! N: *Kings*. F 295 'Twould] 'T would F
N 299 *labours*] *labors* N 300 *your* N, F3 303 *sav'ring*] *sauo'ring*
N 304 *too*] to F3 *blame* ! N: *blame*. F *it*. N, F3: *it*, F

- 305 Sports should not be obtruded on great Monarchs,
 But wait when they will call for them as servants,
 And meanest of their servants, since their price is
 At highest, to be styl'd, but of their pleasures !
 Our *King* is going now to a great worke
- 310 Of highest Love, Affection, and Example,
 To see his Native *Countrey*, and his Cradle,
 And find those manners there, which he suck'd in
 With Nurses Milke, and Parents pietie !
 O Sister *Scotland* ! what hast thou deserv'd
- 315 Of joyfull *England*, giving us this *King* !
 What Union (if thou lik'st) hast thou not made
 In knitting for Great *Brit[t]aine* such a Garland ?
 And letting him, to weare it ? Such a *King*
 As men would wish, that knew not how to hope
- 320 His like, but seeing him ! A Prince, that's Law
 Unto himselfe ! Is good, for goodnesse-sake ;
 And so becomes the Rule unto his Subjects !
 That studies not to seeme, or to show great,
 But be ! Not drest for others eyes, and cares,
- 325 With Vizors, and false rumours ; but make(s) Fame
 Wait on his Actions, and thence speake his Name !
 O, blesse his Goings-out, and Commings-in,
 Thou mighty God of Heaven, lend him long
 Unto the Nations, which yet scarcely know him,
- 330 Yet are most happy, by his Government.
 Blesse his faire *Bed-mate*, and their certaine *Pledges*,
 And never may he want those nerves in Fate ;
 For sure Succession fortifies a State.
 Whilst he himselfe is mortall, let him feele
- 335 Nothing about him mortall, in his house ;
 Let him approve his young increasing *Charles*

309 *King*] King, N 312 in] in, N 316 made] made ? F
 317 *Garland*] Girland N 318 *King*] *King* ! F 321 himselfe !
 himselfe. F 322 the Rule] a Rule N 325 makes G 327
 O.] O F Goings-out . . . Commings-in] Goings out . . . Commings
 in F 332 nerves] strings N 335 him] him, N 336 *Charles*]
Charles, F

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A loyall Sonne : and take him long to be
An aid, before he be a Successor.
Late, come that day, that Heaven will aske him from us :
Let our Grand-child⟨ren⟩, and their issue, long 340
Expect it, and not see it. Let us pray
That Fortune never know to exercise
More power upon him, then as *Charles* his servant,
And his *Great Brit[t]aines* slave : ever to waite
Bond-woman to the G E N I U S of this State. 345

Perform'd, the xxi. of May.

I 6 3 3.

340 -children *N* 344 *Great Brittaines*] *Great Brittaines N*: great
Brittaines F: *Great Britain's F3* 346-7 *not in N*

LOVE'S WELCOME AT BOLSOVER

THE TEXT

In Harley MS. 4955 *Love's Welcome at Bolsover* follows the preceding piece on folios 199–202, and is similarly taken from the acting-copy. It was first printed in 1640 at the end of *The Underwoods* on signatures Pp. 1, 2, Qq 1 recto, pages 281–5, from a copy which Jonson had revised for publication. The running title is '*The Vnder-Wood*'.

The notes of the setting differ in the two texts. Where the Folio has '*the Kinge and Queene retir'd, were entertain'd . . .*' (l. 34), the Manuscript reads '*retir'd into a Garden, and are entertain'd . . .*'; and in the description of the second banquet (ll. 78–80) the Manuscript adds that the King and Queen '*repos'd themselves*', and that '*in a fitt place, selected for the purpose*'—where the mechanical contrivance of the wires for the descent from the clouds could be arranged; the clouds were probably hangings of blue silk—'*two Cupids present themselves. . .*' But it is the Folio that mentions the clouds. Variations of reading are '*Neighbour Vulcan!*' for '*Hammer-armed Vulcan!*' of the Folio, describing Captain Smith in lines 49–50; and '*till the Soles of your feet swell, or rather surfett, with your quicke and sprightlie Motion*' (ll. 65–6), shortened in the Folio to '*till the Soles of your feet swell, with the surfet of your light and nimble Motion*'. In line 109 the Manuscript prefixes the Speaker's name, Anteros, which is omitted in the Folio. A blunder common to both texts is the mis-handling of marginal notes. '*With a bough of Palme (in his hand) cleft a little at the top*'¹ (l. 80) is inserted in the text at the wrong point and put in the hands of Anteros; it should belong to Eros, as the dialogue between them shows later. Jonson evidently wrote the words in the margin as an afterthought to prepare the way for the dividing of the palm-branch between Eros and Anteros. Rather worse is the interpolation of the marginal comment, '*alluding to the holy Riddle*', in line 182: it is not part of the text, which it completely dislocates.

¹ Here the MS. has wrongly '*cleft to the bottome*'; if this were so, it would be in two pieces.

The King and Quene's
Entertainment
at
Bouffouer

(July 1634)

The Song at the Banquet

Sung

by two Tenors and

A Bass.

If Love be call'd, the lifting of the Senses.
 To know the way of this true Intelligence
 Whence the soul hath its end and residence?
 1 Ten When were the Senses in such order placed?
 2 Ten To sight, the hearing, smelling, touching, taste?
 All at once banquers? Bass: would it ever last?
 1 Ten Were not the same things as forke, thus? Bass: lone!
 2 Ten As it might be, or so in that? Bass: lone!
 1 Ten Just Love this feast it selfe? Bass: yes, with first Love!
 2 Ten Yes, make of Love, a Villa, or a chaine,
 A Circle, a knot, but not a quaine.
 Bass: lone as circle both the first and last,
 It shall be Actions and his knot, too, fast.
 1 Ten As Love, lone, hath will, so shall be action,
 And his will, shall be will, shall be action.

End

LOVES
VVEL-COME.
THE
KING AND QVEENES
ENTERTAINMENT
AT
BOLSOVER:
AT
The Earle of *Newcastles*,
The thirtieth of Iuly,
1634.

The Song at the Banquet; Sung by two
Tenors, and a *Base*.

CHORUS. *IF Love be call'd a lifting of the Sense
To knowledge of that pure intelligence,
Wherein the Soule hath rest, and residence :* 5

1. TEN. *When were the Senses in such order plac'd ?*
2. TEN. *The Sight, the Hearing, Smelling, Touching, Taste,
All at one Banquet ?* BAS. *'Would it ever last !*

Title LOVES WELCOME. *not in N BOLSOVER*] *Boulsover* N at
The . . . 1634] in July. 1634 N 1 The Song . . . Sung] *The King and
Queen being set at banquet, this Song was sung.* G 4 CHORUS. *not
in N 7 Taste.] Tast? N.*

1. *Wee wish the same : who set it forth thus ?* B A S.
Love !
- 10 2. *But to what end, or to what object ?* B A S. Love !
1. *Doth Love then feast it selfe ?* B A S. Love will
feast Love !
2. *You make of Love, a riddle, or a chaine,
A circle, a mere knott, untie 't againe.*
- B A S. *Love is a Circle, both the first, and last
Of all our Actions, and his knott's too fast.*
- 15 1. *A true-love Knot, will hardly be unti'd,
And if it could, who would this Payre divide ?*
- B A S. *God made them such, and Love.* 2. T E N. *Who is
a ring,
The likest to the yeare of any thing,*
- 20 2. *And runs into it selfe.* B A S. *Then let us sing,
And run into one sound.*

Let Welcome fill

C H O R V S. { *Our thoughts, hearts, voyces, and that one word
trill,
Through all our Language, Welcome, Welcome,
still.*

25

Complement.

1. *Could we put on the beautie of all Creatures,*
2. *Sing in the Aire, and notes of Nightingales,*
1. *Exhale the sweets of Earth, and all her features,*
2. *And tell you, softer then in Silke, these tales,*
- 30 B A S. *Welcome should season all for Taste.*

And hence,

C H O R V S. { *At every reall banquet to the Sense,
Welcome, true Welcome fill the Complements.*

9 *forth thus ?*] *forth ? thus ?* N 15 *knott's too fast*] *knotts, too,*
fast N, F 17 *divide ?*] *diuide ?* N : *divide.* F 20 2.] 1 Ten: N
23, 33 CHORVS.] CHORVS F 24 *Welcome, still*] *Welcome, still* N:
Welcome still F 25 Complement. om. G

*After the Banquet, the King and Queene,
retir'd, were entertain'd with Coronell*

35

*Vitruvius his Oration to his Dance of
Mechanickes.*

VIT. C Ome forth, boldly put forth, i' your Holy-day
Clothes, every Mothers Sonne of you. This is
the King, and Queenes, Majesticall Holy-day. My Lord has 40
it granted from them; I had it granted from my Lord :
and doe give it unto you *gratis*, that is *bonâ fide*, with the
faith of a Surveyour, your Coronell *Vitruvius*. Doe you
know what a Surveyour is now? I tell you, a Supervisor!
A hard word, that; but it may be softned, and brought in, 45
to signifie something. An Overseer! One that oversee-eth
you. A busie man! And yet I must seeme busier then I
am, (as the Poet sings, but which of them, I will not now
trouble my selfe to tell you.) O Captaine *Smith*! o(u)r
Hammer-armed *Vulcan*! with your three Sledges, you are
our Musique, you come a little too tardie; but wee remit
that, to your polt-foot, we know you are lame. Plant
your selves there, and beat your time out at the Anvile.
Time, and *Measure*, are the Father, and Mother of Musique,
you know, and your Coronell *Vitruvius* knowes a little.
O *Chesil*! our curious Carver! and Master *Maul*, our Free-
Mason; *Squire Summer*, our Carpenter, and *Twybil* his
Man; stand you foure, there, i' the second ranke, worke
upon that ground. And you, *Dresser*, the Plomber; *Quarrel*,
the Glasier; *Fret*, the Plaisterer; and *Beater*, the Morter-
man; put all you on i' the reere, as finishers in true footing,

The first
Quaternio.
Captaine
Smith, or
Vulcan, with
three *Cyclops*.
The second
Quaternio.
Chesil, The
Carver. *Maul*,
The Free-
Mason.
Sq. Summer,
The
Carpenter.
Twybil, His
Man.
The third
Quaternio.
Dresser, The
Plomber.
Quarrel, The
Glasier.
Fret, The
Plaisterer.
Beater, The
Morter-man.

34-7 the King . . . *Mechanickes*.] *The King and Queen, being retired,
were entertained with a Dance of Mechanics.* [Enter Coronel *Vitruvius*
speaking to some without. G 34 *Queene*.] *Queene* F 35 *retir'd*,
were] *retir'd* into a Garden, and are N 36 to his Dance of] to the
N 39 every] eu'ry N 42 you] you, N 44 a Surveyour
. . . Supervisor] that is now? A Superuisor N you,] you F 45
word, that; but] word! But N 46 An] And N 48 Poet] Poët
N 49 our Editor 50 Hammer-armed] Neighbour N 46-61 (margin)
second *Quaternio*] second *Quatern*: F *Chesil*.] *Chesil*. F *Maul*.]
Maul. F *Summer*.] *Summer*. F *Twybil*.] *Twybil*. F *Dresser*.]
Dresser. F *Quarrel*.] *Quarrel*. F *Fret*.] *Fret*. F 'Quarrel' 'Fret' trans-
posed in N. *Beater*.] *Beater*. F 55 a little not in N 59 you,] you F

with Tune, and Measure. *Measure* is the Soule of a Dance,
and *Tune* the Tickle-foot thereof. Use Holy-day legges,
and have 'hem : Spring, Leape, Caper, and Gingle ; Pumpes,
65 and Ribbands, shall be your reward, till the Soles of your
feet swell, with the surfet of your light and nimble Motion.

They begun to
Dance.

Well done, my Musicall, Arithmetically, Geometricall
Gamesters ! or rather my true Mathematicall Boyes ! It is
carried, in number, weight, and measure, as if the Aires
70 were all Harmonie, and the Figures a well-tim'd Proportion !
I cry still ; Deserve Holy-dayes, and have 'hem. I'll have
a whole Quarter of the yeare cut out for you in Holy-dayes,
and lac'd with Statute-Tunes, and Dances ; fitted to the
activitie of your Tressels, to which you shall trust, Ladds,
75 in the name of your *Iniquo Vitruvius*. Hay for the Lilly,
for, and the blended Rose.

The Dance ended.

And the King, and Queene, having a second Banquet set
downe before them from the Cloude by two Loves ; One, as
80 the Kings, with a bough of Palme (in his hand) cleft a little
at the top, the other as the Queenes ; differenced by their
Garlands only : His of White, and Red Roses ; the other of
Lilly's inter-weav'd, Gold, Silver, Purple, &c. They were
both arm'd, and wing'd : with Bowes and Quivers, Cassocks,
85 Breeches, Buskins, Gloves, and Perukes alike. They stood
silent awhile, wondring at one another, till at last the lesser
of them began to speake.

66 swell . . . Motion] swell, or rather surfett, with your quicke and
sprightly Motion N 67 (margin) *St. dir. not. in N* 68 or rather]
or rather ! or rather N true not in N 70 well-timed] iust N
72 the yeare] a Yeare N in] into N 75 *Iniquo*] Cor'nell N : Inigo W
77-80 *The Dance . . . the Kings*] *The Dance ended* | *And* | *The King*,
and Queene, haueing repos'd themselves. At their departure in a fitt
place, selected for the purpose, two Cupids present themselves, One, as
the King's N : *Here the Dance ended, and the Mechanics retired.* | The
King and Queen had a second banquet set down before them from the
clouds by two Loves, Eros and Anteros : one as the King's G 80
with . . . top, in F after 'Purple, &c.' in l. 83 (a marginal note misplaced
in the text as a separate sentence 'With . . . top.') : N adds it to 'Purple,
&c.' a little at the top] to the bottome N 78 Banquet]
Banquet, F, N 82 Garlands] Gyrlonds N 83 were] are N
87 of them began] begins N.

Eros. Anteros.

E R. A Nother *Cupid*? A N. Yes, your second selfe,
A Sonne of *Venus*, and as meere an elfe, 90
And wagge as you. E R. *Eros*? A N. No,
Anteros :

Your Brother *Cupid*, yet not sent to cross,
Or spie into your favours, here, at Court.

E R O S. What then? A N. To serve you, Brother, and
report

Your graces from the Queenes side to the Kings, 95
In whose name I salutc you. E R. Breake my
wings,

I feare you will. A N. O be not jealous, Brother !

What bough is this? E R. A Palme. A N. Give me 't. E R. Another

You may have. A N. I will this. E R. Divide it. *Anteros*
snatch'd at
the Palme,
but *Eros*
divided it.

A N. So.

This was right Brother-like ! The world will know, 100

By this one Act, both natures. You are *Love*,
I *Love-againe*. In these two Spheares we move,
Eros, and *Anteros*. E R. We ha' cleft the bough,
And struck a tallie of our loves, too, now.

A N. I call to mind the wisdome of our Mother, 105
Venus, who would have *Cupid* have a Brother——

E R. To looke upon, and thrive. Mee seemes I grew
Three inches higher sin' I met with you.

<A N.> It was the Counsell, that the *Oracle* gave
Your Nurses, the glad *Graces*, sent to crave 110
Themis advice. You doe not know (quoth shee)
The nature of this Infant. *Love* may be

92 Brother *Cupid* N: Brother, *Cupid* F yet] yet, N cross] cross'
N, F 93 favours] fauors N 96 wings,] wings F: wing N
98 Give me 't] Give't me G St. dir. snatch'd . . . divided] snatches
. . . diuid's N 100 know,] know F 102 I *Love-againe* Editor:
I *Love*, againe F: I, loue, againe N 105 Mother,] Mother F 109
AN.] AN. N 110 Nurses,] Nourses, N: Nurses F 111 You]
You, N

- Brought forth thus little, live, a-while, alone ;
 But ne're will prosper, if he have not one
 115 Sent after him to play with. E R. Such another
 As you are, *Anteros*, our loving brother.
 A N. Who would be, alwayes, planted in your eye ;
 For, Love, by Love, increaseth mutually.
 E R. Wee, either, looking on each other, thrive ;
 120 A N. Shoot up, grow galliard— E R. Yes, and more alive !
 A N. When one's away, it seemes we both are lesse.
 E R. I was a Dwarf, an Urchin, I confesse,
 Till you were present. A N. But a bird of wing,
 Now, fit to flie before a Queene, or King.
 125 E R. I ha' not one sick feather sin' you came,
 But turn'd a jollier *Cupid*— A N. Then I am.
 E R. I love my Mothers braine, could thus provide
 For both in Court, and give us each our side,
 Where we might meet. A N. Embrace. E R.
 Circle each other.
 130 A N. Conferre, and whisper. E R. Brother, with a Brother.
 A N. And by this sweet Contention for the *Palme*,
 Unite our appetites, and make them calme.
 E R. To will, and nill one thing. A N. And so to move
 Affection in our Wills, as in our Love.
 135 E R. It is the place, sure breeds it, where wee are,
 A N. The King, and Queenes Court, which is circular,
 And perfect. E R. The pure schoole that we live in,
 And is of purer Love, the Discipline.

Philalethes.

- 140 **N**O more of your Poetrie (prettie *Cupids*) lest presuming
 On your little wits, you prophane the intention of your
 service. The Place, I confesse, wherein (by the Providence

113 live, a-while, alone ;] live, a while, alone ; N : live a-while alone, F
 116 are, F3 : are N, F 117 be, alwayes, planted] be alwayes, planted, F
 118 For, Love, by Love,] For, Loue, by Loue, N : For Love, by Love F
 119 thrive ;] thriue ! N 126 *Cupid*—N : *Cupid*. F 135 place, N :
 place F 136 which] that N 137 that] wch N 138 the N :
 a F 139 *Philalethes*] *Philaléthes* N 140 Poetrie] Poëtry N lest]
 least N 142 Place,] Place F

of your Mother *Venus*) you are now planted, is the divine Schoole of Love. An Academie, or Court, where all the true lessons of Love are throughly read, and taught; the 145 Reasons, the Proportions, and Harmonie, drawne forth in analytick Tables, and made demonstrable to the *Senses*. Which if you (Brethren) should report, and sweare to, would hardly get credit above a Fable, here in the edge of *Darbyshire* (the region of Ale) because you relate <it> in Rime. 150 O, that Rime is a shrewd disease, and makes all suspected it would perswade. Leave it, prettie *Cupids*, leave it. Rime will undoe you, and hinder your growth, and reputation in Court, more then any thing beside you have either mention'd, or fear'd. If you dable in Poëtrie once, it is done of 155 your being believ'd, or understood here. No man will trust you in this Verge, but conclude you for a meere case of Canters, or a paire of wandring Gipsies.

Returne to your selves (little Deities) and admire the Miracles you serve, this excellent *King*, and his unparallel'd 160 *Queene*, who are the Canons, the Decretals, and whole Schoole-Divinitie of Love. Contemplate, and studie them. Here shall you read *Hymen*, having lighted two Torches, either of which enflame mutually, but waste not. One Love by the others aspect increasing, and both in the right lines 165 of aspiring. The Fates spinning them round and even threds, and of their whitest wooll, without brack, or purple. Fortune, and Time fetter'd at their feet with Adamantine Chaines, their wings deplum'd, for starting from them. All amiableness in the richest dresse of delight and colours, 170 courting the season to tarry by them, and make the *Idea* of their Felicitie perfect; together with the love, knowledge, and dutie of their Subjects perpetuall. So wisheth the glad, and gratefull Client, seated here, the over-joy'd Master of the house; and prayeth that the whole Region about him 175 could speake but his language. Which is, that first the

145 read, and taught; the *N*: read and taught. The *F* 149
the edge of *not in N* 150 it *N* 151 suspected] suspected, *N*
154 beside] beside, *N* 163 Here] Here, *N* 169 for] from *N*
173 their Subjects] the Subiect, *N* 175 the house:] this House, *N*

Alluding to
the holy
Riddle.

Peoples love would let that People know their owne happi-
nesse, and that knowledge could confirme their duties, to
an admiration of your sacred Persons ; descended, one from
180 the most peacefull, the other the most warlike, both your
pious, and just progenitors ; from whom, as out of Peace
came Strength, and out of the Strong came sweetnesse, so
in you, joynd by holy marriage in the flower and ripenesse
of yeares, live the promise of a numerous Succession to your
185 Scepters, and a strength to secure your owne Ilands, with
their owne Ocean, but more your owne Palme-branches,
the Types of perpetuall Victorie. To which, two
words be added, a zealous *Amen*, and ever
rounded, with a Crowne of *Welcome*.
190 Welcome, Welcome.

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179 descended *N*: discended *F* 182 (margin) Alluding . . .
Riddle. *F* places in the text at l. 182 'sweetnesse, alluding . . . Riddle,';
so *N*: *G* omits 183 you, *N*: you *F* 186 your] by your *N*
190 Welcome, Welcome. not in *N*

